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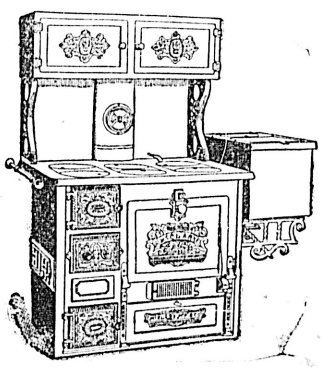
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U.S. TARIFF REPRISALS

Their Effect in Germany—To Shorten Term of French Military Service.

Old and New World Struggles—French Defences—The Argentine Wheat Crop.

LONDON, Dec. 16.—The Standard's Berlin correspondent says he believes that the tonnage dues reprisal put in force by President Cleveland's proclamation against Germany, is due to Germany's failure to settle the status of American insurance companies.

Prince Zolms-Hohnzolms-Lich has been elected president of the Prussian Upper House. He was born in 1838. He is a major-general in the Prussian army, and succeeds the late Prince Otho von Stohlberg-Wernigerod, who died on November 30.

During the discussion of the army budget in the French chamber of deputies to-day M. Jaures, Socialist deputy from the Tarne, moved that the term of military service be reduced to one year.

General Billot, minister of war, opposed the motion. He said he could not forget that the frontiers of France were open, that one year of service would reduce the strength of the army and that in the present times the army reserves must be ready to take the field at any moment. The motion was rejected by a vote of 482 to 54.

M. Deluns-Montaud, deputy for Lot et Garonne, in a speech in commemoration of the establishment of the Egyptian committee, said that England should be brought to some arrangement with regard to Egypt. He also urged concord among nations regarding their colonies; for the older world, he declared, was confronted with the hostility of the new world and must league together in order to hold its own in the industrial struggle between the two continents.

An adventuress named Comtesse Rossi, who was born in America, has been arrested in Paris for a series of burglaries.

Senor Pynargall, ex-President of the Spanish republic and now leader of the republican party in Spain, has a long letter in Le Gaulois, quoting numerous precedents to prove that Europe has no right to complain of American interference in Cuba.

The big prize in the Panama lottery, amounting to £20,000 sterling, has been won by a Marseilles market woman.

Replying to a deputation urging the prompt increase of the sugar bounties, M. Meline, the president of the council, said he was unable to hold out any hope that the bill for that purpose would pass at this session of the chamber.

The chamber of deputies to-day passed the naval budget. Admiral Besnard, minister of marine, replying to Admiral Vallon, representing one of the districts of Finisterre, promised to introduce schemes for the defence of Cherbourg and Brest.

Jean Cardinal Boyer, of Bourges, is dead. He was born in 1828, and was at one time doctor of theology and professor of dogma in the faculty at Aix, of which he became the dean in 1870. He succeeded to the bishopric of Clermont in 1879; was decorated with the legion of honor in 1878, and in the consistory of July 3, 1882, Pope Leo conferred upon him the decoration of the pallium.

All the newspapers of Lima, Peru, have published articles on the death of Antonia Maceo in Cuba, containing lamentations over his untimely end, and saying that while Spain in doubling her efforts to conquer Cuba, she is fast losing the little remaining sympathy she has in Europe.

The Italian chamber of deputies by a vote of 232 to 64 has adopted the Italo-Tunision treaty.

The wheat crop of the province of Santa Fe, Argentine Republic, is reported to be in a bad condition.

Captain G. M. Kirkpatrick, son of Lieutenant-Governor Kirkpatrick, of Ontario, at St. Peter's church to-day, was married to Mamie, daughter of the late J. F. Dennistoun, of Peterboro, Ont. There were many Canadians present, including Lieutenant-Governor Kirkpatrick, Sir Donald Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Dobell and Mr. and Mrs. Colmar. The service was choral.

The loss of life by the explosion which destroyed the Von Gromer match factory at Aschaffenburg, Bavaria, is much greater than previously reported. Fifteen women and girls employed in the main building were killed and many persons working in an adjoining building were fatally or seriously injured.

The British steamer Hazel Moor drifted for sixteen days after she had lost her propeller before she was picked up by the British Empire.

Godart and Sureoff, aeronauts, of Paris, are about to organize a balloon ascension to the north pole. They state the first idea was suggested three years ago, by Mr. Walter Wellman, but the idea was given up owing to the attempt of Prof. Andre.

The death is announced in Paris of Viscomte Auguste Margol, a dramatist, and famous as a rival of Victor Hugo.

The Orient line steamship Orotava, while coaling at the company's dock at Tilbury, suddenly listed to starboard, filled through the open portholes and sank. It is believed there were five men in the ballast tank at the time and that they were drowned.

On November 10 a protocol was agreed upon between China and Japan, providing that settlements exclusively for the use of the Japanese shall be provided at each open port of China, the Japanese consul having full control over the roads and police affairs in such settlements.

Princess Wrede, a famous amateur singer, is prosecuting her husband, Prince Adolphe Wrede, who is allied with the highest Russian and German families, for a bigamous marriage in October last, at Geneva, with a rich American.

The Spanish government has decided to send 15,000 soldiers to reinforce the forces now in the Philippine islands. The cabinet council, which was held yesterday, decided to purchase the English transport steamer Prince of Wales in order to expedite the transportation of troops to Manila, and it was also decided to purchase a complete equipment of new rifles for the troops.

LATE ALASKAN NEWS.

Endeavors to Dissuade Unsuitable Persons From Coming to the Country—Smuggling Liquor.

SEATTLE, Dec. 16.—The Searchlight says: "It is proposed to send a representative to the Sound from Juneau and establish a bureau of information pertaing to Alaska, and for the purpose of soliciting persons coming here en route to the Yukon to purchase their outfits here, and also for the purpose of dissuading persons of small means from coming here. It is obvious that Juneau would be greatly benefited could this trade be secured, as those outfitting here would be required to remain in town several days, thus not only benefiting our merchants, but all other kinds of business likewise. Mr. G. W. F. Johnson, formerly of the Juneau Trading Company, is suggested as the gentleman to send to the Sound for this purpose. Many business men have already expressed a desire to lend support to the proposition, and it is expected that all will contribute.

The Searchlight of Juneau pointed out in its last issue something of interest in the liquor traffic of the territory and urges as a remedy high license. It says that it has learned upon reliable authority that the importations of liquor through Port Simpson this season would amount to 21,000 gallons, valued at $52,000. None of this liquor pays any internal revenue tax, because it is smuggled in, and the loss of the item for this season will be $21,100. It is said that all classes of Alaska residents are eager for a solution of the question and believe it can most easily be accomplished through high license.

The most successful work in salmon propagation is that done at Etholin island, fifty-five miles south of Wrangel. The fish hatchery there is owned by John C. Galbreath, who, besides spending many thousand dollars, has given it his personal supervision for the five years it has been in operation. Over 5,000,000 salmon will be hatched there this season.

CUBAN INSURGENT PROGRESS.

Conditions Cannot Be More Satisfactory Than They Are for the Cubans.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The following letter dated in October at La Campanai, province of Santa Clara, Cuba, was written to a prominent U.S. senator by General Francisco Carrillo, of the Cuban army, who was tried and acquitted in Wilmington, Del., for supposed violation of the neutrality laws. After some personal allusions, the letter says: "The general condition of the revolution cannot be more satisfactory for us. We are more powerful every day, while at every step, and at every moment, the absolute incapacity of Spain to vanquish us is put in evidence. Our forces cover all the island, moving freely from one end to the other conducting offensive tactics everywhere and repeatedly striking good blows on the enemy's forces and towns as much as the special character of this war allows and the manner in which the Spaniards' army carry on the campaign."

SALVINI'S FUNERAL.

A Most Imposing Ceremony—Coffin Buried Beneath Floral Offerings.

FLORENCE, Dec. 16.—The funeral of Alexander Salvini, the actor, took place to-day. The ceremony was most imposing. The coffin was buried beneath floral offerings, and the local authorities and notabilities as well as delegations from numerous artistic associations were present. Immense crowds of people lined the routes followed by the funeral procession. The father of the deceased actor, Tommaso Salvini, has received many messages of condolence from Italy, America and elsewhere.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

No Extra Session of Venezuelan Congress—All Arms in the Country to Be Collected.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—A special cable dispatch from Caracas, Venezuela, to the Herald says: "The government has decided that there will be no extra session of congress. The president has issued a decree to all government officials and presidents of states to take legal measures to collect all arms and ammunition in the country before the opening of congress on February 1. This order does not apply to the munitions held by the army.

MACEO STILL LIVING.

All the Festivities to Celebrate His Death Said to Have Been Stopped.

KEY WEST, Dec. 16.—Passengers arriving here to-night from Havana report that Antonio Maceo is alive and well and is in the province of Matanzas. These passengers say that all the festivities which were going on in Havana to celebrate his death have been ordered to be stopped since it has become known he is alive.

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LAURIER IN CORNWALL

Baie de Chaleurs Railway a Branch of the Intercolonial—Albani.

Archbishop Fabre Dying—The Governor-General's Return to the Capital.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, Dec. 16.—It has been definitely settled that the Baie de Chaleurs railway will be operated as a branch of the Intercolonial this winter.

Hon. Mr. Laurier left to-day to take part in the Cornwall election.

The Governor-General and suite will return to Ottawa to-morrow.

Madame Albani sang before a large and fashionable audience to night. The great diva was in splendid voice.

Archbishop Langevin passed through the city to-day en route to Montreal to visit Archbishop Fabre, who is dying.

NEWS OF THE DOMINION.

(Special to the COLONIST.)

To Be Buried in Victoria.

BELLEVILLE, Dec. 16.—W. A. Chapman, whose wife was killed on the railway at Medicine Hat on Saturday night, left yesterday for that place, whence he will accompany the body to Victoria, B. C., where it will be interred.

Tariff Commission in Montreal.

MONTREAL, Dec. 16.—The tariff commission opened its session in Montreal to-day. Hon. Mr. Patterson and Sir Oliver Mowat were absent, but Mr. Tarte was on hand to assist Mr. Fielding and Sir Richard Cartwright. G. W. Sadler, for the leather belting manufacturers and tanners, asked that the duty, which was reduced some time ago from 25 per cent. to 20 per cent., be once more placed at the old figures.

Grain Elevator Burned.

AYLMER, Dec. 16.—C. D. Fuller's grain elevator here has been destroyed by fire.

Charged With Incendiarism.

WOODSTOCK, Dec. 16.—Martha Bengley, a respectably connected young woman, has been arrested on a charge of setting fire to the house and stable of F. Cox.

A WIFE'S DREADFUL REVENGE.

Handsome Donation to the Winnipeg General Hospital—Suicide by Drinking Carbolic Acid.

WINNIPEG, Dec. 16.—(Special)—Frank Maxwell, a teacher of modern languages, quarrelled with his wife recently, and the latter left him and took a position as housekeeper in a city residence. Last night Maxwell called to see his wife and found her. She threw a dipperfull of boiling lye into his face. Maxwell is frightfully burned and will probably lose his eyesight. Mrs. Maxwell says he used insulting language to her, hence the lye-throwing.

Mr. W. W. Ogilvie, the bonanza miller of Montreal, has presented one thousand dollars to the general hospital. The munificent gift was conveyed to Judge Bain, hon. secy.-treasurer, in the form of a cheque.

A few days ago Ernest Butler, a young married man, clerk in the office of Osler, Hammond & Nanton, attempted to commit suicide by drinking carbolic acid. He was removed to the general hospital where it was hoped his life would be saved, but death ensued late on Tuesday night in spite of all that medical skill could do. Much sympathy is felt for the friends of the unfortunate young man. Butler is very highly connected and formerly resided in Toronto, where the body will be taken for interment.

IMPORTANT RAILWAY EVENT.

Van Horne Denies the Story of His Retirement From the C. P. R. Management.

HAMILTON, Dec. 16.—What will probably prove to be the last important event in the history of the Toronto, Hamilton & Buffalo railway as an independent enterprise except the actual change which is anticipated on January 1, took place this morning in the running of trains over the spur line for the first time. It was making history for Hamilton, as this city is likely to be greatly benefited by the increased railway facilities which will come by the opening of the spur. The connection between the spur and the Grand Trunk tracks was made yesterday, and the importance of this morning's proceedings was signalized by the presence of such men as Sir William Van Horne of the C.P.R., President Ledyard of the M.C.R., and Supt. Van Etten of the N.Y.C., and a number of other railway magnates. They went over the spur line to the connection with the G. T. R. track, and they were pleased with what they saw. They would not say when the regular running of trains would begin, but they stated that the details would be all arranged shortly, this trip being made for the purpose of inspecting the road with a view to working out the details. Sir William Van Horne was asked as to the probable time when trains would be running regularly over the spur, but would not give a definite answer. In regard to the rumor about his probable resignation of the presidency of the C. P. R., he said there was no truth in it.

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BOOK AND SLATE AWAY

Pupils of the Girls' Central Dismissed for the Holidays—Competition in Needlework.

Interesting Exercises of the Last Day of the Term—Christmas Giving at Victoria West.

The many little women of the Girls' Central school had their final reunion before Christmas yesterday, the closing exercises of the term being conducted in the convenient Pemberton gymnasium, which had been prettily decorated in honor of the occasion by the first division of the Boys' school under the supervision of Mr. Huxtable. Very many of the parents made glad the hearts of both pupils and teachers by attending, while Trustees Mrs. Grant, J. B. Lovell and R. B. McMicking, Ven. Archdeacon Scriven and others equally prominent in educational work were among the guests of the day. The pupils made a very effective entrance, marching into the gymnasium in true military style to music, and afterwards joining with a will in the singing of Christmas carols.

During the term just ended the young ladies of the senior division turned the instruction they have received in plain sewing to practical account, the result of their labors being some three dozen pinafores, which it is intended to present to the Protestant orphanage. The material of which the "pinnies" are made was generously presented by Mrs. Simon Leiser, while Mrs. John Nicholles and Miss L. Carr superintended the cutting out and fitting. A spirit of healthy emulation was infused into the work by the thoughtful offer of a prize, by Mrs. T. N. Hibben, for the best finished pinafore, the donor also acting as judge, and after considerable difficulty in making a choice from among so many even and meritorious pieces of work, awarding the trophy of success to Miss Laura Jackson. This young lady shared the chief honors of the day with Miss Nettie Vigelius, who as head of the school won the prize presented by Mrs. R. B. McMicking. In view of the prominence that the subject of practical instruction in the school commands at present, the apron competition possessed absorbing interest to all the girls of the school, and great was the curiosity expressed as to whose work would be judged most excellent.

The order of the closing exercises, faithfully adhered to, was as below:

Opening, anniversary song.
Promotion lists from chart class to division eight, and from division eight to division seven.
Carol, junior classes.
Promotion list from division seven to division six.
Song, "Grasshopper Green," junior classes.
Promotion lists from division six to division five, and from division five to division four.
Carol, "Sweetest Music Softly Stealing."
Promotion list from division four to division three.
Carol, "What Do They Say, These Bells to Me."
Promotion list from division three to division two.
Carol, "Good News We Bring and Peace."
Promotion list from division two to division one.
Presentation of prizes and addresses.
God Save the Queen.

GIRLS' CENTRAL SCHOOL.

Head of the School—Miss Nettie Vigelius.

SECOND DIV.—MISS L. A. F. BARRON, TEACHER.

Promoted to First Division—Edith Ann Jenkins, Catherine Maud Lovell, Isla Edith Tuck, Mabel Grace Georgina Lyall, Irene Hiscocks, Helen Margaret Lovell, Winnifred Lola Harris, Agnes Etoile Dier and Edna Florence McKeown.

Prize List—Edith May Jenkins, diligence.

THIRD DIV.—MISS A. KEAST, TEACHER.

Promoted to Second Division—Elizabeth Agnes Tugwell, Jessie Agnes McKilligan, Elizabeth Taylor, Ruth Cullum, Rose Martha Banfield, Clara Arney Paulson, Emma Whilemina Vigelius, Winifred Mainwaring-Johnson, Ailda Diser, Alberta Wrigleswortb, Agnes Webster, Flora May Tait, Clara Cripps, Elizabeth Alberta Chambers and Eleanor Florence Kent.

Prize List—R. Banfield, arithmetic; Elizabeth A. Tugwell, general proficiency; Winifred Mainwaring-Johnson, reading; and Agnes Webster, mental arithmetic.

FOURTH DIV.—MRS. CALDWELL, TEACHER.

Promoted to Third Division—Gertrude Shanks, Louisa Bragg, Mabel McCrimmon, Elizabeth Saunders, Hilda Englehardt, Daisy King, Sophia Whitson, Lillian Bayley, Mary Elliott, Eliza Wilson, Bella Roberts, Alice Dow, Beatrice Berryman, Bertha Munsie, Isabel Wilkins, Alva Graham, Florence Corder and Annie Hansen.

FIFTH DIV.—MISS WATSON, TEACHER.

Promoted to Fourth Division—Ida May Halfpenny, Agnes Wootton, Ruby McLarty and Muriel Edna Henderson.

Prize List—Ida May Halfpenny, general proficiency.

SIXTH DIV.—MISS J. R. CHRISTIE, TEACHER.

Promoted to Fifth Division—Louisa Johnson and Mary McInnes.

Prize List—Louisa Johnson, arithmetic.

SEVENTH DIV.—MISS E. S. SHRAPNEL, TEACHER.

Promoted to Sixth Division — Phyllis Florence Williams, Blossom Marion Hanna, Myra Lenora McGregor, Myrtle Evelyn Noble, Corinthia Beltha Alexander, Josephine Colber, Annie Lillian Tait, Lizzie Margaret Williams, Alice Grace Barker, Gladys Elsie Cruickshank and Edith Clara Devoe.

Prize List—Phyllis F. Williams, head of class; Florence Coles, arithmetic; and Mabel Rausch, arithmetic.

EIGHTH DIV.—MISS A. RUSSEL, TEACHER.

Promoted to Seventh Division—Florence Ray, Minnie Jarvis, Vera Harris, Florence M. Adams, Nellie McDonald, Edna Proctor, Olive Grant, Lillie Brooker, and Edith Creed.

Promoted from Chart Class to First Primer—Daisy King, Hazel Whittaker, Edith Smith, Hazel McKittrick, Mary Losee, Ethel Given, Nellie Pineo, Myrtle Holness, Norma Hall, Victoria Snider, Katie Malcolm, Clara Howard, Jennie Tait, Eva Drysdale, Jessie Wilson, and Genevieve Hartnell.

Prize List—Hazel McKittrick, for best conduct.

This morning the pupils of the Boys' school will have their closing exercises, oral examinations—to which the public are invited—being held from 9:30 to 10:45, and an adjournment being made after recess to the Pemberton gymnasium, where addresses will be made, the promotion lists read, and prizes presented.

Yesterday Principal Tait and Mr. Stephenson, of the Victoria West school, were busy distributing among the needy residents of the western suberb the Christmas gifts collected by the Victoria West scholars. They found many deserving recipients for the childrens' bounty whose Christmas will be made brighter and happier for the forethought and generosity of the rising generation. One omission was made in the preparation of the Victoria West lists on Tuesday, Eva Wilde standing at the head of the Fourth Division and thereby winning the prize for general proficiency.

STORM IN THE EAST.

Gale Off the Atlantic Coast Accompanied by Snow and Sleet—Vessels Destroyed.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—The storm which set in yesterday afternoon drifted into snow and sleet during the evening and still continues. At 9 o'clock this morning Sandy Hook reported the wind blowing from N.N.E. forty miles an hour. A steamer and two pilot boats are anchored inside the Hook for shelter; one pilot boat is cruising outside. The telephone connecting Sandy Hook with the life-saving station on the Jersey coast is down, preventing reports from the life-savers. Telegraphic reports from Long Beach and Ashbury Park say nothing has been seen this morning of the schooner Grace K. Green, which was abandoned yesterday afternoon. Her crew were rescued by the Dominion steamer Yorktown. Only two steamers reached quarantine this morning, the Starling from Swansea and the Asloun from Chinese ports. No vessel left port this morning. The American line steamer St. Louis, for Southampton, Red Star steamer Nordland, for Antwerp, and White Star liner Majestic, for Liverpool, besides a number of coasters, were scheduled to sail to-day, but it is doubtful if they will venture out in the gale now blowing.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 16.—A snow storm of unusual severity is raging in this section. It is specially violent all along the coast. Fully six inches of snow has already fallen.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 16.—The wind and snow storm which began early last evening continued throughout the night and at noon to-day shows no signs of abating. During the early morning hours the wind blew a gale and railroad and street car traffic suffered considerably. The suburban trolley lines, with one or two exceptions, are snow bound.

NEW LONDON, Conn., Dec. 16.—This expansive harbor is crowded with sailing crafts of all sorts, which sought refuge from one of the ugliest storms in years. The trolley lines are seriously crippled by the snow fall, which still continues and promises to rage indefinitely.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—The American line steamer St. Louis, which left her dock at 10 o'clock this morning for Southampton, did not pass quarantine at 11 o'clock as supposed, but probably came to anchor off Liberty island. She passed quarantine at 3:15 this afternoon.

GLOUCESTER, Dec. 16. — A howling "norther" with snow is sweeping by Cape Ann to-day. The weather is so thick that little observation seaward is possible. No wrecks have been reported as yet.

VICTORIA MARKETS.

Christmas Business Expected to Reach Its Full Volume—Demands for Sealers' Supplies.

This is decoration week with the city grocers, and Christmas business is expected to reach its full volume during the next few days. Holiday goods are daily arriving, and from present prospects the display this year will be quite up to that of any former season. Sealing supplies too are drawing heavily just now on wholesalers' stocks, several vessels having lately been outfitted, and there being a large fleet yet to be provided for. The retail quotations for the week are as follows:

FLOUR—Ogilvie's (Hungarian) per bbl	$6.50
Lake of the Woods (Hungarian)	6.50
Victoria XXX	5.50
Lion	5.50
Portland roller	5.75
Salem	5.75
Rainier	5.75
Snowflake	5.75
Premier	5.50
Three Star	5.50
Superfine	4.75
Hungarian (Armstrong)	5.50
XXXX "	5.25
Strong Bakers "	5.00
Graham, per 10 lbs	40
Wheat, per ton	35.00@40.00
Buckwheat, per 10 lbs	50
Oats, per ton	25.00@30.00
Barley, per ton	28.00@30.00
Middlings, per ton	20.00@25.00
Bran, per ton	18.00@20.00
Ground feed, per ton	25.00
" " California per ton	25.00@30.00
Corn, whole, per ton	30.00@32.00
" cracked, per ton	32.00@35.00
Cornmeal, per 10 lbs	35
Oatmeal, per 10 lbs	40@50
Rolled oats, per lb	4
Potatoes, per lb	1¼
" sweet, per lb	4
Cabbages, per lb	2
Hay, baled, per ton	15 00
Straw, per bale	50@75
Onions, per lb	2½
Cheese, per lb	15@20
Eggs, Island, per doz	50@55
" imported, per doz	30
Butter, fresh, per lb	30
" Creamery, per lb	35
" Dairy, per lb	25
" Delta, per lb	35
Honey (Chilliwack) per lb	25
Hams, American, per lb	16@18
" Canadian, "	16
" Boneless, "	18@20
" Glasgow beef, per lb	20
Bacon, American, per lb	16@18
" Rolled "	14@16
" Long clear "	10
" Canadian "	14@16
Shoulders, per lb	12½
Lard, per lb	12½
Golden Cottolene, per lb	12½
MEATS—Beef, per lb	5@12½
Sides, per lb	7@7½
Veal "	10@15
Mutton, "	5@12½
Pork, fresh, per lb	9@12½
Turkeys, per lb	22@25
Chickens, each	50@75
Pigeons, per brace	50@60
Grouse, per brace	1 00
Duck, Mallard, per brace	75@1 00
FRUITS—California apples, per lb	5
Eastern apples, per lb	5
Lemons, California, per doz	25@35
Bananas, per doz	20@25
Pears, per lb	3@4
Grapes, per lb	10@12
Cranberries, per lb	10@15
Oranges, Australian, per doz	40@50
Japanese oranges, per doz	65
FISH—Salmon, spring, per lb	10@12
Halibut, per lb	10@12
Rock Cod, per lb	8@10
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A TARIFF ON LUMBER.

Convention of Lumbermen Held at Cincinnati Demands Protection Against Canadian Competition.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 16.—Pursuant to the call issued by J. F. Febaugh, publisher of the Timberman, and W. B. Judson, publisher of the Lumberman, 150 delegates, representing twenty-seven States, assembled yesterday. Messrs. Judson and Febaugh made elaborate addresses, explaining the purpose of the convention and the present condition of the timber business. They appealed to the delegates of the Southern States, which were largely represented. Most of the Southern delegates have been free traders, but in responding to the addresses of Messrs. Judson and Febaugh these delegates insisted that if there was to be a protective tariff lumber should not be discriminated against, and said they would do all they could to secure a tariff on lumber.

After some lively and forcible discussion the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

"Whereas, The placing of lumber on the free list by the existing tariff not only promotes ruinous competition on lumber from Canadian mills, but discriminates against lumber as compared with other manufactures; therefore be it

"Resolved, That this convention, representing the entire lumber industry of the United States in all lines, respectfully petitions congress to place lumber on the dutiable list; and be it further

"Resolved, That each lumber dealer in the United States be urged to furnish to senators of his state and congressmen of his district, full information in regard to the needs of the lumber industry, to the end that they can consistently assist in the passage of this measure; finally,

"Resolved, That this convention recognizes the fact that unjust discrimination prevails in some countries in South America and elsewhere against American lumber, and that we are entirely opposed to such unjust discrimination; and we invoke the aid of the United States congress for the purpose of removing the same, either by reciprocity or otherwise.

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NEWS OF THE PROVINCE

Mr. Davies Goes East—Royal City Accounts—Chief Crossan of Nanaimo Sustained.

The Kootenay Railway Scheme—Highway Robbery at Nanaimo—Miners Hold a Meeting.

(Special to the COLONIST.)

VANCOUVER.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 16.—This morning Hon. Mr. Davies was driven around Stanley park and the city. He left by the afternoon train for the East.

The License Victuallers Association met this afternoon and transacted a large amount of business. Matters in connection with the coming municipal election were thoroughly considered.

As a farewell to the Art and Historic Society, prior to leaving for Seattle, Rev. H. H. Gowan delivered a lecture to the members of the society last night, entitled "Florence—The Fair and Famous Florentines."

It is announced that the regular trip of the steamer Comox to Shoal Bay, for which point she generally leaves on Friday morning, will not be undertaken this week, the boat having to go into dry-dock.

Two vessels to load lumber at Hastings mill were brought into port yesterday. The British bark Ariel, having completed her cargo at Moodyville, will leave to-day. Her cargo consists of 696,686 feet of rough lumber.

The dredge Mudlark is engaged on some dredging work near the C.P.R. wharf.

Meetings were held yesterday at Abbottsford, Langley Prairie and Fort Langley to consider the proposals of the promoters of the V. V. & E. R. & N. Co., and after speeches by the representatives of the company, resolutions favoring the scheme were carried unanimously, with provisoes to the effect that freight rates be under the control of the provincial government, or that it shall be within the power of the government to purchase the road at any time at cost price.

At a session of the Supreme court yesterday, over which Mr. Justice Drake presided, a case of considerable importance was decided—the Golden Gate Mining Company recovering the sum of $750 from the Granite Creek Mining Company for damage alleged to be done to their property by blasting operations carried on by the former company, resulting in large quantities of rock being thrown upon the bed of the creek, seriously interfering with the work of the Golden Gate Company. Mr. D. G. MacDonnell appeared for the plaintiffs, and Mr. Wilson for the defendants.

WESTMINSTER.

WESTMINSTER, Dec. 16.—The licensing board hold their usual quarterly meeting to-day and much interest is being taken in their deliberations, as all the city licenses will be under consideration.

Coroner Pittendrigh and the provincial constable left for Chilliwack to-day to inquire into the circumstances surrounding the death of an Indian, found dead from a gunshot wound.

The production of the opera "Little Duke" by the operatic society last night was a great success, and the society deserve great credit for the good performance.

The result of the poll taken upon the question whether the city books and accounts shall be audited resulted in the carrying of the affirmative by 341 votes against 148. The city council also adopted a motion favoring the flogging of burglars or tramp carrying deadly weapons.

NANAIMO.

NANAIMO, Dec. 16.—At the Government office yesterday the Rob Roy claim was recorded from Texada Island, by A. J. Sharp, of Vancouver.

Three Chinamen were waylaid yesterday afternoon near the No. 5 mine by two disguised white men whose names are known and robbed of about $21 in cash.

The one story frame dwelling on Haliburton street, owned and occupied by Mr. C. S. Ryder, of the Magnet Supply store, was burned to the ground on Saturday night. Insurance, $1,000, in the Western.

The funeral of the late Robert Golder took place on Monday afternoon. The pallbearers were Messrs. A. Hamilton, S. Hamilton, Chas. Martin, Thos. McKinnell W. Courier, J. Perry and J. Morris. The officiating clergyman was Rev. W. B. Cumming.

A large and important meeting of the Miners and Mine Laborers Association was held on Saturday afternoon. After some discussion an agreement was come to that the miners and laborers of the New Vancouver Coal Co. work for six months at the present schedule of wages, subject to any material change in the price of coal in the meantime.

The police commissioners on Monday pronounced on the charges made against Chief Crossan and Constable Thompson by the Rev. D. A. McRae. Commissioner Davison found the charges sustained by the evidence and proposed dismissal of the officers. Commissioners Johnston and Simpson found that the charges were not sustained, and voted to keep the two men in office.

J. J. Burk drove in from Alberni with several passengers last night. He reports that the Alberni Consolidated has been entirely closed down, both at the mine and the milll until after Christmas. The Duke of York has also been closed down for Christmas.

ROSSLAND.

ROSSLAND, Dec. 16.—Col. Ray has announced that he has completed the organization of a company to work the Dardanelles mine in Slocan. Lieut.-Governor Dewdney and Hon. George E. Foster will be directors, and probably officers.

The local stock market, which has been dull for two weeks, has shown a strong tendency to higher prices in the last twenty-four hours. Deer Park shares have advanced two cents on heavy local buying; other stocks are firmer, nearly all the blocks offering having been soon snapped up.

Mining Companies' office stationery a specialty at the COLONIST office. x

TO DEFEND HAVANA.

Troops Called in by General Weyler—More About Maceo—Official Statement by Spanish Government.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 16.—A special to the Commercial Tribune from Key West, Fla., says: Fighting is reported west of the trocha in Pinar del Rio section, where the insurgents, under Gen. Maceo's successor, Gen. Ruis Rivera, have taken the field against the Spanish forces left there by Gen. Weyler. No details are received, but 50 wounded soldiers came in yesterday from the neighborhood of Artemisa.

It is stated in Havana that Gen. Weyler has called in some of the troops now stationed outside the city, fearing an attack by Gen. Gomez, who is reported as coming eastward with a large force, well armed and provisioned. The insurgents have already occupied several small towns held by the Spaniards in the eastern part of the province of Havana, and have had hardly any defeats.

Two train loads of provisions and arms were captured by the insurgents on the Matanzas railway Saturday and Sunday with slight loss. It is reported an expedition from Honduras landed on the south side of the island Saturday, with large supplies of ammunition and arms, and that the cargo was safely delivered into the possession of Gen. Rivera.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—A special from Key West, Florida, says it is still maintained in certain insurgent circles that Maceo is still alive and will be heard from before long, where, under any circumstances, he would be least expected. It was, it is said, a mulatto who much resembles Maceo who was killed in the engagement on the other side the trocha.

BUFFALO, N.Y., Dec. 16.—A call has been issued by the American junta here for an indignation meeting to be held in the Lyceum theatre next Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. At the meeting preliminary steps will be taken to raise troops and money to send them to Cuba; also a petition to congress to take immediate steps to further the Cuban struggle for liberty.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The following dispatch from the Spanish minister of foreign affairs in regard to the death of General Maceo, received at the Spanish legation here, has been made public by Minister de Lome:

"MADRID, Dec. 15, 1896.

"*To the Spanish Minister, Washington:*

"Maceo's death took place in a loyal fight at Punta Brava, and was caused by our soldiers' bullets. It is evidently proved by the letter written by the son of Gomez, which states that he killed himself in order not to abandon the body of his general. The handwriting of the letter has been verified and also every detail of the fight; the time and circumstances when Maceo and the son of Gomez were wounded. All these details have been published in Europe by telegrams from both Spanish and foreign correspondents.

"(Signed) TETUAN."

MADRID, Dec. 16.—Dispatches received here from Havana say the pursuit of the Cuban insurgents is being actively pushed, especially in the provinces of Matanzas and Havana. Skirmishes are frequent and the insurgents are reported to be retreating to the eastern end of the island. No attention seems to be paid here in official circles to the report of Maceo's assassination. The Spaniards say if the Cuban leader had been poisoned he would have died at the table or in bed, and not on the field of battle. They admit the superior number of the insurgents in the engagement near Punta Brava with the Spanish troops under Major Ciruejeda. According to the Heraldo, 15,000 troops are to be sent to reinforce the Spanish garrisons in the Philippine islands.

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ELECTION CARDS.

THE MAYORALTY

1897.

To the Electors of Victoria:

As many of you are kind enough to desire me to become a candidate for re-election next January to the office of Mayor, I place myself in your hands, respectfully asking your influence and vote. I shall take an opportunity before the election takes place to speak upon civic affairs, feeling convinced that with your assistance beneficial changes can be attained.

ROBERT BEAVEN.

Victoria, 16th November, 1896. no17-4t

THE MAYORALTY.

To the Ratepayers of the City of Victoria.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:—

At the request of a number of my fellow citizens, I have the honor to announce that I will be a candidate for the office of Mayor at the next election, and respectfully solicit your votes and support.

no15 CHAS. E. REDFERN.

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

To the Electors of South Ward.

I beg to announce myself a candidate for your representation at the coming Election for the Board of Aldermen.

I am in favor of the discontinuance of salaries to aldermen, believing the position to be one of honor and trust in the public welfare, and not of personal profit.

Also that the duties of Aldermen should be purely legislative and not executive.

I am in favor of a policy of conciliation as opposed to litigation with our fellow citizens, and of the settlement of all disputes by arbitration.

I am further in favor of keeping all means of intercommunication under the control of the people, as opposed to private monopolies, and promoting their development, and maintaining the public streets in a first-class, clean, sanitary and attractive condition.

I would suggest that the Municipal Accounts be audited quarterly by some competent accountant, elected annually as an independent officer, and that steps be taken, if possible, toward the consolidation of the city's debt.

THOS. C. SORBY,

December, 1896. [de6] James Bay.

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Great Western	.17½	San Joaquin	.10
Gibson (near Kaslo)	10	Virginia	.24
Hattie Brown	.10	Vulcan	.04
Ross'd Homestake	.17	War Eagle	1 55
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The lowest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.

Further particulars may be had on application to

de11 R. P. RITHET & CO., LD.

TENDERS WANTED.

Tenders will be received by the undersigned up to noon of Monday, December 21st, inst., for the purchase of twenty-five shares (of the par value of $100 each, fully paid up) in The Royal Canadian Packing Company, Limited Liability. The highest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.

BODWELL & IRVING, Solicitors.

Victoria, B.C., December 10, 1896. del-1d

NOTICE.

Lease of Timber Limits,

QUEEN CHARLOTTE ISLAND.

SEALED TENDERS will be received by the Honourable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works up to 4o'clock p.m. on Thursday, 21st January, 1897, from any person, persons, or corporation, for permission to lease the under-mentioned lands for the purpose of cutting spars, timber or lumber, subject to the provisions of the "Land Act," and amendments thereto, viz:—

Lots 32, 33, 34 and 35, Queen Charlotte Island; containing in the aggregate 10,314 acres.

The competitor offering the highest cash bonus will be entitled to a lease of the premises for a term of twenty-one years.

Each tender must be accompanied by a certified bank cheque to cover the cost of survey, $1,085.70, the first year's rental, $1,547 10, and the amount of the bonus tendered. The cheques will be at once returned to unsuccessful competitors.

W. S. GORE,
Deputy Commissioner of Lands & Works.
Lands and Works Department,
Victoria, B.C., 23rd November, 1896. n28-1m

TENDERS will be received by the undersigned for house and lot with outbuildings, up to the 19th December. Can be seen by applying on the premises 299 Moss street. A. Edwards de6

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NOTICES.

Fraser Valley and Kootenay Railway Company.

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislature of the Province of British Columbia, at its next sitting, for the passage of an act to incorporate a Company to be called "The Fraser Valley and Kootenay Railway Company," to construct, equip and operate a line of railway from some point on Burrard Inlet or English Bay to New Westminster; thence eastward through the valley of the Fraser River and the southern part of British Columbia, by the most direct and feasible route, to the Town of Rossland, with power to amalgamate with, lease, purchase or otherwise acquire the Burrard Inlet and Fraser Valley Railway Company, or any railway, or portion of a railway, either as a branch of or part of such main line; to build a branch line or lines from the City of New Westminster to some point on the coast line between the International Boundary Line and Point Garry, and such other branch lines as may be deemed advisable; to construct and maintain steamers, ferries, wharves and docks; to make traffic and operating arrangements with other railway lines, and to construct, maintain and operate telegraph and telephone lines for other than railway purposes.

A. L. BELYEA,
de16 Solicitor for the Applicants.

NOTICE.

A special meeting of the shareholders of the British Columbia Coal, Petroleum & Mineral Company Limited Liability, will be held at the Company's office, 45 Fort street, Victoria, on Monday, the 4th day of January, 1897, at 12 o'clock noon, to pass a resolution authorizing the company to dispose of the whole of its assets on terms then to be agreed upon.

Dated December 2nd, 1896.

F. B. PEMBERTON,
de3-1m Secretary

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

In the Supreme Court of British Columbia.

In the Matter of the Official Administrators Act and in the Matter of the Estate of Maggie Burke, Deceased Intestate.

Notice is hereby given that by an order of the Honourable Mr. Justice Walkem, bearing date the 4th day of December, 1896, I was appointed Administrator of all and singular the goods, chattels and credits of the above-named deceased.

Persons having claims against the estate of the said deceased are requested to send me particulars thereof on or before the 31st day of December, A.D. 1896, and all persons indebted to said deceased are required to pay such indebtedness to me forthwith.

W. MONTEITH,
de8-6t Official Administrator.

NOTICE is hereby given that on Monday, the 4th day of January, A D. 1897, at the hour of 2:30 o'clock p.m., at my auction room, Dunn Hall Block, Vancouver, I will offer for sale at public auction pursuant to instructions received by me from the receiver, all and singular the certain piece or parcel of land and premises situate, lying and being in the city of Vancouver, and described as City Lot numbered 30 (thirty) of Block numbered 13 (thirteen) in the subdivision of the westerly portion of Lot number 196, Group 1, New Westminster District according to a map or plan deposited in the Land Registry Office at New Westminster, and there numbered 184. Terms cash. Dated this 14th day of December, A.D. 1896. W. H. Hooper, auctioneer. de15 td

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the Dominion Parliament at its next sitting for a private bill to incorporate a Company for the purpose of constructing, equipping, maintaining, and operating a railway from a point on the south boundary line of British Columbia, between the 134th and 136th degrees of Longitude, at the head of Lynn Canal, and thence northerly and westerly by the most feasible route to the north boundary line of British Columbia, with power to construct, maintain, and operate branch lines and all necessary bridges, ferries, and wharves, and to construct, own, and operate telegraph and telephone lines in connection with the said railway and branches, and to build, own, and operate steam and other vessels, to take and use water for generating electricity and other purposes, and to acquire foreshore rights and lands for the right of way, station grounds, and other necessities, and to acquire lands and other bonuses or aids from the Government of Canada and British Columbia, or from any municipality, corporation, or person, to aid in the construction of the said railway, and make traffic and other arrangements with other railway companies or persons, and for all other usual and necessary powers and privileges, and also for power to levy a royalty on all precious metals passing outwards over the said road when constructed.

Dated at the City of Victoria, British Columbia, this 19th day of August, 1896.

DRAKE JACKSON & HELMCKEN,
Solicitors for Applicants.
Victoria, B. C. au23

NOTICE.

A meeting of the shareholders of the Island Mountain Quartz Mining & Milling Company (Limited Liability) will be held at the Board of Trade Rooms, Victoria, B.C., on Monday, 28th day of December, 1896, at 11 o'clock a.m., for the purpose of sanctioning and confirming an agreement with a company called The Island Mountain Gold Mines (Limited) of London, England, and of authorizing the Trustees to convey and transfer to the said Company all the properties, leases and assets of every kind of the Island Mountain Quartz Mining & Milling Company (Limited Liability), and also to sanction an agreement as to the distribution of stock set forth in a letter addressed by the President of the Island Mountain Quartz Mining & Milling Company (Limited Liability), to the Directors of the Island Mountain Gold Mines (Limited) dated July 27th, 1896.

T. LUBBE, Secretary.
Victoria, 23rd November, 1896. no25-4w

NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the Parliament of Canada at the next session thereof for an Act to incorporate a religious body to be called and known as "The Holiness Movement (or Church)," and to authorize such corporation to meet and adopt, frame or repeal constitutions, and to make regulations for enforcing discipline in said Church, and to empower said corporation to acquire, receive and take conveyances of such lands, moneys, mortgages, securities or other property as may be required for the purposes of a chapel or chapels, college or colleges, school or schools, or other educational purposes connected with the said Church, and for the purpose of a printing and publishing house or houses in connection with the said Church, and for power to undertake and carry on such business of printing and publishing, and for authority and power to endow and support such chapels, colleges and schools, and such printing and publishing house or houses and a book depository or depositories in connection therewith, and to take and receive the benefit of any gift or devise by will or otherwise in its said corporate name or otherwise, and to give said Church all necessary powers connected therewith.

BRADLEY & WILD,
Solicitors for Applicants.

Dated at Ottawa, this 16th day of November, A.D. 1896. no25-1taw-9t

Public Notice.

To Whom it May Concern.

Take notice that I have revoked all Powers of Attorney given by me at any time to Harry Symons, of the City of Calgary, in the District of Alberta, Advocate, and that the said Harry Symonds is no longer in any way authorized to act on my behalf.

no25-1w H. E. FORSTER.

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Applications will be received by the undersigned for the position of teacher for Trenant Public School, Delta Municipality, up to the 1st day of January, 1897.

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J. B. BURR, Secretary.
Ladner, December 1st, 1896. de2-1m

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THE UNITED STATES SENATE.

Six of the Republican Senators have refused to enter the caucus of their party. They are, of course, silver Senators, and it is said that a seventh, who was absent, will join them. The defection of the six Senators will reduce the number of Republican Senators who can be depended upon to carry out the policy of their party from forty-three to thirty-seven. This will give the command of the Senate to the party opposed to the Administration.

In the first place it will make the passage of the Dingley bill an impossibility even if the Advisory Committee of the Caucus should advocate it. Without the support of at least eight sound money Democrats they would have no chance of success. And it would be expecting too much of Democratic disinterestedness to hope that so considerable a number of Democratic senators would unite to pull the Republican party out of the hole in which it is stuck.

It is pretty clear that the United States will have to try to get along under the Wilson tariff for some time to come. It is expected that when the new Legislatures of the States, on which the duty of selecting senators will devolve, have made their choice the personnel of the Senate will be considerably altered, and also its political complexion. Immediately after the election it was predicted that Mr. McKinley would, when the new Congress met, be able to command a majority of the Senate as well as of the House of Representatives. The same thing was said of Mr. Cleveland when he was elected in 1892, but the result was very different from what was predicted. The Senate was a thorn in President Cleveland's side from the beginning to the end of his term, and it may be that President McKinley will find that body equally wrong-headed and impracticable. What with Popocratic cranks and silver fanatics the Senate of the United States has become a broken reed for any administration to depend upon.

THE RICH NORTHERN COUNTRY.

When the Hon. Mr. Davies was in Victoria the necessity for guarding the deep sea fisheries and of taking measures to prevent smuggling in the northern parts of the province was brought to his notice by the Board of Trade. The Minister of Marine and Fisheries was evidently impressed with the importance of both these subjects. There appeared to be in his mind some doubt as to what are the territorial waters of the Province. At any rate, there can be no question as to whether or not the part of the sea within a marine league of the coast is British Columbia territory. The foreigner who fishes within three miles of the shore is no doubt a trespasser. On the Eastern side of the Dominion the "inshore fisheries" are very valuable. Within that zone mackerel, herring, lobsters are chiefly caught, and some codfish and halibut. We have no doubt that in the waters of this Province there are good fishing grounds within the three mile limit.

The cruiser which is sent to keep off the poachers should also keep a look out for the smugglers. The illicit traders do business principally with the Indians and the quantity of goods they dispose of is, we are told, quite considerable.

There was something said at the same meeting about securing to British subjects the trade of the extreme northern parts of British Columbia and of the Yukon country. The trade with the mines in those northern regions is at present almost wholly monopolized by the Americans. It is said that at certain seasons of the year Juneau is quite a lively trading town. Many of those who get their supplies at that American port are British subjects who, if they could get into the country by a shorter and less difficult route, would gladly take the less toilsome journey. Such a route it is said has been found. It is almost wholly through British territory, and it is, compared with the other routes from the south, very easy. It follows the Stickeen River to Glenora and then takes a northerly direction through a country covered with low hills. A road, it is confidently affirmed, could be easily made from the Stickeen River to Teslin lake. Once on the lake the way to the gold fields of the Yukon Valley is easy. The only difficulty is constructing the road through the tract of hilly country that lies between the river and the lake. The distance is variously estimated at from 120 to 165 miles. The greater part of this country is in British Columbia, and those who have traversed it say that gold can be found in it in quantities more or less considerable. But the principal use of the Stickeen route, as far as is now seen, is that it will open the way to the Yukon country, and place the trade of that rich mining district in the hands of British subjects.

The attention of the Government of the Dominion and the Province has been directed to this promising way of opening up the great Northern country. That country is thinly peopled now, but if it were made more accessible its population would, no doubt, rapidly increase. We trust that the practicability of this route will be ascertained without any unnecessary loss of time, for it would, no doubt, be a great thing, both for the Dominion and the Province of British Columbia, if the rich gold-fields of the Yukon country were brought within easy reach of the city of Victoria.

THE QUEBEC BUDGET.

The budget speech of the Quebec Minister of Finance shows that the finances of that Province, if not in a perfectly satisfactory condition, are improving. The revenue last year exceeded the expenditure by a comparatively small sum. The surplus is said to be $286,688. The revenue exceeded the estimate by $75,696. The expenditure also exceeded the estimates, but the result left the balance on the right side. It is calculated that there will be a small surplus for the year 1896-97. For 1897-98 the revenue is estimated at $4,116,199 and the expenditure at $4,113,494. It is proposed to lessen the direct taxes very materially.

The debt of the Province is large. It amounts to $33,417,757. Against this debt are realizable assets amounting to $11,261,410, making the net debt and obligations at the present time $22,156,346, nearly $15 a head of the population. This, considering that Quebec is not by any means a rich Province, is a very heavy debt. This large debt was chiefly contracted in granting subsidies to railways. This is what the Montreal Star, which is not by any means a partisan paper, says about the financial condition of Quebec:

All through, the Provincial finances display a fairly healthy condition. We may not be making headway against the stream as rapidly as we would like, but we are no longer steaming madly down it toward the rapids, as we were not long since. The plans of the Government to save money by the conversion of the debt and to reduce our obligations by satisfying the railway companies' claims, will be discussed with much more intelligence when fully before the Legislature.

"IS THIS FAIR?"

No one that we know of contends that the Manitoba minority alone should have been consulted in the settlement of the much-vexed school question of that province. Neither have we ever heard it maintained that every demand made by the minority should be conceded by the majority, or those who constitutionally represent them. But there is, we submit, a very wide difference between giving the minority everything they ask for and not permitting them to have any part, direct or indirect, in the negotiations that led to the settlement. In private matters, when it is proposed to settle a dispute between two persons amicably, each of the disputants is required to choose a representative. In that case it is only fair to stipulate that both the parties shall abide by the decision arrived at. It would be an outrage on justice and fair play for one of the parties to negotiate with a third party and to settle the dispute without allowing the other principal to say a single word in his own behalf.

This, as we see it, is what was done in the proceedings that resulted in the "settlement" of the Manitoba school dispute. The parties to that dispute were the Protestant majority of Manitoba and the Roman Catholic minority. The majority, as represented by the Government of Manitoba and an outside party, the Dominion Government, entered into negotiations to settle the dispute, but the minority was not represented in the negotiations. They had no advocate at the meetings of the negotiators. There was no one present authorized to speak for them or to represent their side of the case. We have not heard that they were invited to send a representative, and had refused to have anything to do with the matter. They did not allow their case to go by default, for the very simple reason that they had never been vouchsafed the opportunity to accept or refuse.

Can the decision arrived at under such circumstances be called "a settlement"? The consent of all the parties concerned is the very essence of a settlement. Even when the proceedings are judicial and authoritative both the parties concerned have a right to be present and to say what they have to say in their own behalf. What would be thought of the fairness of a judgment in a case in which only one of the parties was permitted to be heard.

We say nothing now as to the nature of the terms of settlement in this Manitoba case. If the minority had agreed to them or had acquiesced in them there would be nothing for an outsider to say. But when the minority were not represented in the negotiations and when they are forced to accept the decision whether they like it or not, is there anything wrong in the disinterested bystander asking: Is this fair?

A FRENCH CANADIAN VIEW.

The following is from the Montreal Gazette of the 8th inst.:

It is perhaps difficult for English-speaking Protestants to understand how the Manitoba school question appeals to French Canadians, and the following dialogue from the Minerve may help. It is a conversation between two habitants, and one is engaged in explaining to the other the terms of the Laurier-Sifton settlement:

"Suppose I steal your horse, openly and with the knowledge of your family. Immediately you hear of it you come to me and say—"

"Give me back my horse."

"No," I reply, "I am stronger than you and I'm going to keep it."

"But this is disgraceful."

"Pooh! that is not the question. However, in order to restore friendly relations between the two families, I will make an arrangement with you; I will keep the horse, but I will allow you to use it half an hour a day. Now I call that generous. Besides, I warn you as a friend, you must either take that or nothing. For, you see, I am for conciliation."

"Conciliation" has a pleasant sound in the ears of Protestants, who are rather tired of the school question anyway; but they will see from the above that their Catholic fellow subjects look at the question from a different standpoint.

QUEER COUNTERFEITS.

It seems that the United States has been flooded with spurious silver dollars. The dollars contain as much pure silver as the genuine government dollars, but they are not intrinsically worth more than half as much. It is a queer kind of a counterfeit that contains as much of the precious metal, and is, as bullion, worth as much as the coin issued from the Government mint. But these new dollars are just such coin. It would be surprising if silver in the United States were not illegally coined into dollars. The temptation to do so is great. By merely coining the silver the coiners double their money. Passing such coin is comparatively easy, for no one but an expert can distinguish them from the coin issued by the Government. As a matter of fact a large number of these spurious dollars have found their way into the Treasury and must be redeemed by the Government with gold as they are now represented by silver certificates. This is one of the evils consequent upon making coins of a metal which has greatly depreciated in value, a legal tender.

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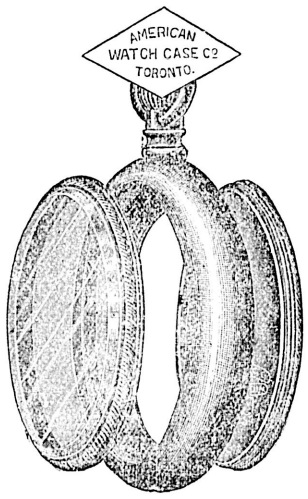

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THE CITY.

MR. RICHARD HALL has been elected chairman of the board of directors of the Victoria-Texada Gold Mining Co.

EVERY member of the Fifth Regiment Football Club is expected to turn out for the club run this evening at 5:30 sharp, so as to be in good form for next Saturday's match.

MR. W. T. COOKSLEY, of Westminster, last evening repeated at Temperance hall, Pandora street, his interesting illustrated lecture on "Southern California—the Italy of America."

THERE was no bidding yesterday for blocks 22 and 36 of the Fernwood Estate, offered for sale by City Treasurer Kent to satisfy taxation arrears, and the property was accordingly bid in for the city.

THE members of the Reformed Episcopal church yesterday conducted their Christmas sale of work—as usual a great success—with an excellent musical programme, as already published, in the evening.

AH YET, an unfaithful servant employed by Mr. A. Lewis, was yesterday convicted in the city police court of stealing from his employer and was sentenced to six months' imprisonment with the accompaniment of hard labor.

THE hearty thanks of the teachers of South Park school are extended to Mrs. Charles Kent for the gift of thirty-six numbers of Picturesque Canada, and also further additions to their school library from Mrs. Winkel, Misses Truran, Wolfe and Gosse, and Masters W. Edmunds and Arthur Newcombe.

MR. E. A. CAREW-GIBSON, for a consideration of $250, became the possessor yesterday of the equity of redemption in the property of the British Columbia Paper Co. The sale was made by Auctioneer Hardaker under an order of the Supreme court, and is subject to a mortgage charge, with interest, of about $30,000.

HON. MR. BLAIR, minister of railways and canals, has experienced difficulties in reaching Seattle similar to those his colleague Hon. Mr. Davies went through. Washouts have kept him back and detained the Quadra in Seattle harbor for a couple of days. However, last night word came that the minister was expected to get to Seattle in time to reach Victoria sometime to-day by the Quadra.

SPLITTING the difference appears to have been the system adopted by the arbitrators appointed to fix a value for the land at Beaver lake, owned by Mr. G. H. Wilson-Brown and expropriated by the city for water works improvement purposes. Mr. Brown asked $100 an acre; the city offered $50; and $70 was the unanimous award. The board was composed of Messrs. William Wilson, H. M. Yates and John Earsman.

FOR the band concert to be given in the Drill Hall on the Saturday evening following Christmas, an interesting little ceremony has been arranged in which Lieut.-Governor Dewdney will take an active part. The occasion is to be the presentation to Robert McLean and William Laing—the boy-heroes of a memorable boating accident of a year or so ago—the special silver medal forwarded to Mr. Herbert Kent by the Royal Humane Society some time ago.

A SPECIAL telegram to the COLONIST from Vancouver yesterday stated that the property of the Consolidated Railway Co. has been disposed of by private sale to an English syndicate, represented by Mr. H. Malcolm Hubbard, who is at present in the province. The property of the company is an extensive one, comprising an electric tram service in Vancouver and Westminster, with the lines connecting the two cities, and the tramway system in Victoria, besides the extensive lighting services in Vancouver and Victoria. What the plans of the new syndicate are have not been learned, but it is said that fresh capital will be put into the undertaking.

Bass' XXXX on draught at the Occidental x

IN THE PHILIPPINES.

Spaniards Not Making Much Progress in Suppressing the Rebellion.

(From the China Mail.)

It may be safely stated that the Spanish authorities are are not making great progress in the suppression of the rebellion. This points to a prolonged period of unsettled commercial conditions. We heard several days ago that the Spanish troops had suffered a severe reverse at the hands of the rebels, and that the Spanish loss was about 309. That report seems now to be confirmed, and the organization and discipline of the rebels are apparently astonishing the authorities. Some time ago a rumor was in circulation that the general who was second in command at Manila had disappeared, and all sorts of stories were in circulation. It is now stated that General Blanco sent this officer to Spain for the good of his health—on so-called sick leave. A large number of troops are said to have been ordered from home, and many of these are alleged to be on the way. To judge from the tactics of the rebels, it would appear they are led by some heads other than Indian. Dr. Rizal, whose movements we have previously noted, is now in the fortress at Manila, awaiting disposal.

A correspondent from Manilla, who may be relied upon, writes that it seems almost impossible to obtain any information of the rebellion. The Spaniards, he continues, have about 8,000 troops now in Manila, the majority of them apparently raw recruits, badly armed, and some of them without uniform. A small body of cavalry men arrived with the last batch, but without horses.

The correspondent continues to say: 'The volunteers are the most useful looking lot of men I have seen here. They were banded at the beginning of the rebellion, and numbered about 1,500. They certainly march well, and are all armed with the old rifle. They are also well dressed, but they say that is as far as they go, and that they cannot indulge in rifle practice, as they are so badly supplied with ammunition. I understand that operations were commenced in earnest on the 7th inst., but up to that time nothing very serious had taken place.

The rebels will never be caught, and a guerilla war will go on for years like the one in Cuba. The rebels were armed mostly with sharpened bamboos and broad knives—the former being rather a formidable weapon, as strong and as hard as steel. Now that the Spaniards have so long delayed active operations, supplies of all kinds of weapons may have come to the rebels overland, as the rest of the coast is practically unguarded. One steamer belonging to the Spanish government has been captured by the rebels. It was armed with one gun. The native crew mutinied up the river, and retired with the boat.

THE STRATHNEVIS' SALVAGE.

Claims of the "Miowera" and "Mineola" Satisfied in Coin, and the Bonds Against the Libelled Vessel Discharged.

"Important admiralty cases constituted the bulk of the business in the United States circuit court yesterday," says Wednesday's P. I. "While the business was confined to papers, and not to trials, two of them, at least, were conspicuous as among the most important of their kind ever brought in the courts of the Ninth district. All Monday there were proceedings leading up to the settlement of the salvage claims against the Northern Pacific steamship Strathnevis, by the owners, officers and crews of the steamships Miowera, of the Canadian Pacific line, and the Mineola, a tramp freight steamship. One of the features of the case was the legal talent employed in representing the parties to the libel, among the best known attorneys in the Northwest being engaged to argue the claims of the contending vessels. The settlement of the claims was arranged Monday evening, and the formal release of the bonds, amounting in the two separate actions for salvage to $175,000, will be made today. The agreements contemplated a payment of $20,000 to the Mineola and $27,000 to the Miowera. The costs of the litigation amount to about $5,000, making in all the tidy sum of $52,000, for which Attorney Ashton gave checks on a Tacoma bank. R. M. Hopkins, clerk of the Federal court, went to Tacoma yesterday for the money."

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THE CHARTS TO BLAME.

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Business Active for the Canadian-Australian Liners—Arrivals From Sea.

A private letter from Seoul, Korea, received here by the R. M. S. Empress of India, states that the United States cruiser Boston is seriously strained, and may be obliged to come home as quickly as possible for repair. On the 5th of last month she ran aground on a sandspit in Flying Fish channel, twelve miles from Chemulpo, hanging there until the following morning, when at the most favorable stage of the tide she was released with her own power. It was at first thought she had sustained no injury, but a few days later it was noticed that she was "weeping" freely amidships—taking in water by drops through the plate seams—and it is now generally feared that the entire framework has been sprung. A member of her engine room staff, writing to a naval friend here, says it was most fortunate for the ship that the mishap occurred just when it did, at the spring tides, instead of a few days later, for otherwise the fine cruiser would undoubtedly have hung on the bar until her back broke. No court martial has yet been held to fix responsibility for the accident, but it undoubtedly will be soon. In the meantime the circumstance is being made the most of as an example of the danger attendant upon all attempts to navigate Korean waters without the assistance of skilled native pilots. The charts are almost all defective and none have been brought up to date by recent surveys, and are no guide to the dangers of the position in which the Boston found herself. The treacherous bar, which runs out northward from Marelles island, is in fact not marked at all on several approved charts, although it has proved fatal to numerous small local craft and not a few pretentions merchantmen.

"THE MARLBOROUGH HILL."

Reinsurance was just being obtained on the British bark Marlborough Hill, for Victoria from Indramayo, Java, when the vessel arrived in Royal Roads yesterday morning. Fears were beginning to be entertained that something unusual had happened the bark accounting for her delayed arrival, but since the vessel sailed on the 26th of last July not a single incident of a disastrous nature had occurred aboard. The Marlborough Hill had been delayed by rough weather, but came through all unblemished. She is in ballast, and is here to the order of Robt. Ward & Co., Ltd. A second arrival from sea yesterday was the British ship Sierra Blanca, Captain Spencer, which comes from Cardiff with 2,100 tons of coal for the navy. Her voyage was made in the remarkably fast time of 153 days. She was favored with good weather most of the way, encountering the roughest elements off the Horn. She was towed in from sea by the Wanderer, of Port Townsend, while the Tyee, hailing from the same port, brought the Marlborough Hill to her anchorage.

BUSINESS STEADILY GROWING.

From present prospects it seems that the advent of the new steamship on the Canadian-Australian route is very timely, for without an increased service it would be difficult to imagine how business could be handled in future. A dispatch to the COLONIST from Montreal last evening says: "The Lake of the Woods Milling Co. has engaged the entire room on the Canadian-Australian line of steamers for flour to go to Australian, during the five months ending with April. The company has also engaged 500 tons on each of the Hongkong steamers leaving Vancouver for the three months ending March. These latter shipments are to be re-shipped at Hongkong for Sydney and Queensland ports."

MARINE NOTES.

The steamer City of Puebla, due this evening from San Francisco, has on board the following passengers for this city: F. Spengler, Miss S. Springer, W. R. Angus and wife, A. H. Bradley, Ernest Tee, Miss M. Baumery, A. Adams, and Mrs. M. Bushley.

The Nippon Yusen Kaisha had, when the Empress of China left Yokohama, decided to send an extra steamer direct to Seattle. The British steamship Agapanthus had been chartered, and was to have sailed on December 5, making no call at Honolulu.

The salmon-laden ship Drumcliff towed to sea yesterday.

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INTERNATIONAL QUARANTINE.

Canadian Delegates to Washington Regarding Mutual Arrangements Between the Two Countries.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Hon. Sidney Fisher, of Ottawa, and Duncan MacEachran, chief inspector of live stock for Canada, are in the city on business connected with the agricultural department. To-day they had a conference with Secretary Morton and Dr. Salmond, the chief of the bureau of animal industry. The object of the visit is to seek to effect modifications on the part of each country of the quarantine regulations governing the admission of cattle into the other. These regulations, they say, were made at a time when contagious disease existed, but now that such diseased have been stamped out they argue that there is no necessity for the continuation of the severe restrictions as to the admission of cattle. The meeting to-day was merely a preliminary one, and further conferences will be held, as the Canadians are anxious that the restrictions imposed by the regulations be removed, so long as no further necessity for them exists. Their visit, Mr. Fisher said, tonight, had nothing whatever to do with questions of reciprocity between the United States and Canada.

STOCKS IN NEW YORK.

Volume of Business Up to the Previous Day's Record—General Gains Made.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—The volume of business in stocks was about equal to yesterday's record, and the dealings were fairly well distributed. Considerable firmness was evident in early trading and general gains were made. The positive influence of the favorable international trade statement for November, showing an excess of $59,053,885 in imports and a gain for the eleven months of $266,086,709, and the negative encouraging fact of the absence of disturbing news from Washington on the Cuban question was considered responsible for the improvement. Another "bull" item also negative in importance was a denial of reports, based on the increasing firmness of the exchange market, of a probable resumption of gold exports to Europe. The strength of exchange was attributed merely to the approaching January disbursements for interest and dividends on American securities held abroad and to the higher discount rate in London, where money is again hardening. Bankers say that there is no prospect of gold exports owing to the impending maturity in the interval, up to February 1, of loans made to Europe. One exchange estimated the amount at from $35,000,000 to $50,000,000. The lower prices for American securities in London were disregarded by the traders, and in the specialties manipulation for a rise was clearly apparent.

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FREQUENT OBJECTIONS.

The Work of Counsel Before the Claims Commission Becomes More Animated.

Captain Byers Tells How the "Pathfinder" Carried Off Her Prize Crew.

The meeting of the Behring sea claims commission yesterday was decidedly livelier than any preceding session, objections being taken again and again to questions put by one side or the other, and argument sharp and pointed following. A ruling was given in the morning on a subject which has several times been a question of difference between counsel for Great Britain and the United States. This was as to the proportion of seal secured out of those shot by the hunters. Mr. Bodwell had asked this of Captain Miner and Judge Putnam, speaking for the commissioners, said that they had decided to restrict the evidence of witnesses on this point to their own practical experience. The number of witnesses, too, must be limited—six would be enough—except in the case of unforeseen contingencies. As an alternative the commissioners were of opinion, if it was agreeable to counsel, that any references in the published reports of the Behring sea case at Paris covering this matter were open to either side to put in.

Hon. Mr. Dickinson, after consultation with Hon. Mr. Peters, replied that counsel were agreed six witnesses would be enough.

Captain Miner being further cross-examined by Sir Charles H. Tupper, said that he had had the schooner Penelope hauled up in Victoria for painting in 1886, and found no difference between the cost of such work here and in San Francisco. The witness in the course of his examination also said that schooners were brought round from the East in 1886 and 1887, notwithstanding they could be bought more cheaply in San Francisco, and that there were several vessels suitable for sealing on the market in November and December in 1886 and 1887. Such vessels were offered in 1887 and found no buyers, though he could not name the men offering them. He had never seen the Carolena afloat, but if he had been able to compare her afloat with vessels of similar size that he had known he might have had his opinion altered as to her value.

A somewhat lively discussion arose over the next question put by Sir Charles to the witness, as to what proportion of the seals he shot that he had secured.

Mr. Justice Putnam here remarked that the ruling made in the morning would be avoided if counsel were allowed to open up that question on cross-examination.

Sir Charles Tupper certainly claimed a right to ask the question, as the same matter had come up in the examination in chief of the witness. He submitted that this view was not inconsistent with what Mr. Justice Putnam had said.

Mr. Justice King observed that the preceding evening, as he remembered it, some questions had been asked of the witness on this point by the United States counsel, and if the notes showed such was the case, he did not think Sir Charles should be debarred from cross-examing upon the same subject.

Hon. Mr. Dickinson argued that the questions asked of the witness by the United States had been only preliminary on the subject, and he would suggest that to meet the difficulty they should be stricken out of the notes altogether.

Sir Charles Tupper was quite agreeable to this, if all the examination of the last witness as to seal life and hunting were stricken out. He failed, however, to see how part of that evidence should stand and part be struck out.

Hon. Mr. Peters explained that even if the witness' testimony was taken on the question of the proportion of seal he secured out of those he shot, that as there might be six witnesses on the subject according to the ruling, the witness might make one of the six.

Mr. Justice Putnam thought the British side should prove the matter by their own witnesses, whereat Sir Charles inquired with surprise:

"Surely we are not debarred from proving a point by a hostile witness?"

A short discussion followed as to the difference in practice in cross-examination in the two countries, and finally the witness "stood down" temporarily, until counsel on both sides could have a consultation to see if they could agree on what was to be struck from the notes and what retained.

Mr. E. Crow Baker, secretary of the Pilot Board, stated that the board at one time had owned the Carolena, having sold her when they purchased another vessel.

Mr. William Munsie, called by the United States, was asked by Hon. Mr. Dickinson if he knew Michael Serrault, of Alberni. Serrault had come down from the West Coast on Tuesday and had spent last night at Munsie's house. He did not know that the United States side had a subpœna out for Serrault, who had come from the West Coast at witness' request. Witness and Serrault were at the steamer Tees' wharf last night. The witness had gone down with Capt. Irving and had found Serrault there. Serrault had gone there to see Capt. Roberts on business. The witness had not waited until the Tees sailed, but had taken Serrault home with him in a hack as the man was not well. He had found Serrault drinking in a saloon with Alexander McLean and had taken him away as he did not want him in McLean's company. Serrault had not left town and Munsie was quite willing to produce him as a witness.

To Hon. Mr. Peters witness remarked that he had left Serrault at his house ill. Witness had been down at the Tees because he was accustomed to go there before the vessel sailed for the West Coast, as he had interests there.

To Hon. Mr. Dickinson witness said he knew Patrick Hickey, but did not remember seeing him during the past few days. He had not asked Hickey to go away, or told him that the United States had a subpœna for him.

Hon. Mr. Dickinson put in the registry papers of the San Diego filed at San Francisco, showing A. J. Bechtel to be her owner and with the clause in the affidavits declaring Bechtel a United States citizen.

Hon. Mr. Peters again objected to this method of proving Bechtel's nationality.

Mr. Justice Putnam after lunch alluded to the discussion over the question asked Captain Miner about the killing of seal, and read the parts of the evidence in relation to it. It was quite clear to him that if these questions stood on the record, Sir Charles Tupper was entitled to ask his question.

Sir Charles remarked that after consultation with the senior counsel of Great Britain and in deference to the commissioners, he did not intend to examine the witness on the subject any further.

Hon. Mr. Peters, in reply to Mr. Justice King as to whether counsel proposed to strike out the evidence referred to in the ruling, said that as far as the British counsel were concerned he saw no reason for not allowing the testimony to stand. He could not, however, speak for his learned friends on the other side, as he had not yet consulted them.

Hon. Mr. Dickinson being of the same view as Hon. Mr. Peters, the evidence was allowed to stand.

Hon. Mr. Dickinson next stated that, with the exception of a few witnesses whose testimony would be short, this closed the Carolena case for the United States—as far as Victoria was concerned. They would produce the witnesses he referred to as quickly as possible.

Hon. Mr. Peters replied that it would be impossible for the British side to call their rebuttal evidence in whole until the United States case was finally closed, but there was one man who could not remain in town as he was going on a sealing trip, who would be called now. There were several other sealers, Mr. Peters intimated, who also wanted to get away, and he hoped the United States would not object to these being called out of their turn in regard to other cases.

Hon. Mr. Dickinson consented, provided notice was given as to the cases to which the evidence of the witnesses in question referred, so that the United States consel might look over the cases to see on what lines to conduct the cross-examination.

David Russell, called in rebuttal by the British side, said he had been one of the crew of the Carolena in 1886 when she was seized. When the crew was shipped to San Francisco on the St. Paul food was taken from the Carolena and put on the St. Paul to feed them. This included pilot bread, flour, butter, sugar and other provisions.

The witness was asked on cross-examination by Hon. Mr. Dickinson if last Sunday in Seattle, when asked by a Mr. Rowland to come to Victoria to testify, he had stated that he did not want to come because if he did he would have to lie.

The witness denied this, and also said he did not tell Rowland that if he came to Victoria and told anything that hurt some one in Victoria he would not be able to live in Victoria again. He did not say that John Cotsford had told him he had had enough of testifying in Victoria and that his (Cotsford's) family would have to leave Victoria because he had spoken the truth in the Carolena case. Mr. A. J. Bechtel was on board on the trip from Victoria to the West Coast.

"What was Bechtel on board for?" asked Mr. Bodwell in re-examination.

Hon. Mr. Dickinson—"I object; this is opening new matter."

Mr. Bodwell—"But you can't object now; you opened the question yourself in cross-examination."

Hon. Mr. Dickinson—"Then I withdraw my last question."

Mr. Bodwell—"But you can't now; it has gone in."

The commissioneas decided that Mr. Bodwell might put the question in rebuttal.

In answer, the witness said Mr. Bechtel had gone up the West Coast on the vessel and had then gone ashore. Bechtel had not given witness any orders nor had he had anything to do about the work of fixing the canoes purchased from the Indians.

Questioned more fully as to his coming over to Victoria to testify the witness stated that when Rowland had come to his house on Sunday at Seattle, he said he did not want to come over, and when Rowland began to talk about witness fees witness shut him up. Rowland had on being questioned said he was on the United States side and had questioned him about the Carolena, but witness would tell him nothing saying that any evidence he had he would tell in the witness box. Witness denied having stated in Seattle that Cotsford was a fool to have come over here to testify, as he would have made $500 by staying away.

Capt. Byers, one of the six witnesses called in regard to seal killing, stated that he believed about five per cent. of those shot were lost.

As the witness was about to leave on a cruise he was by consent examined also in the Pathfinder case. He had been hunter on the Pathfinder in 1889, when the vessel left Victoria in March and entered Behring Sea between July 1 and 6. The schooner carried twenty men and six boats and sealed till July 29, when she was seized by the Rush. There were between 800 and 900 skins on board. A petty officer was put on the schooner by the cutter and they were ordered to Sitka. Instead, however, the vessel came home to Victoria.

"The captain told me he could not find Sitka," said the witness smiling.

"What did you do with the gentleman from the United States cutter," asked Hon. Mr. Peters.

"O, we kept him aboard."

"Did he help you to seal?"

"Yes, he went out in the boats just for pleasure."

The skins on the vessel when she was seized were taken on board the cutter. The Pathfinder sealed one day after the capture and got 50 skins; if they had not been short on account of their arms and ammunition having been carried off by the cutter, they would have got at least 150 skins. Witness was on the Triumph in the sea in 1890.

Before the evidence of this witness was finished the commission adjourned until this morning.

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To the Editor:—I was very glad to see in your issues of 15th and 16th inst. the letters from "Militiaman" "Miles," in which they press the claims of the militiamen of this province to exemption from the poll or revenue tax. Now that I have resigned the command of the militia in B.C. after holding it for eight years I may, I hope, be allowed to say a word or two on this subject without being accused of bias in favor of the "boys in blue."

It seems to me that it is a very little thing that the citizens of the different municipalities are asked to do in return for the great benefits derived from the presence in their midst of an efficient and loyal body of trained men. The public are always very good to make use of the militia as a drawing card on all public occasions to bring visitors to spend money in the towns (and these long parades and sham fights are no child's play); but it is like drawing teeth to try and collect a few dollars for the benefit of the regiment or even for their splendid band.

As "Militiaman" very truly says, "they work hard and get nothing for it," as their government pay goes to buy helmets and leggings, articles that I live in hopes of yet seeing provided by the Militia department as they should be. They are the pick of the young men of our cities, being young, active, healthy and patriotic, as is amply shown by the time and work they put in without any hope of reward except that best of all rewards, the knowledge that they are doing their duty to their Queen and country. But the "laborer is worthy of his hire," and so surely it is not too much to ask of the citizens of this province that they should show their appreciation of these efforts by granting these young men a slight privilege such as is now asked. It is not the intrinsic value of the tax they care so much about as it is the open acknowledgment thereby expressed of the fact that their services are thought worthy of the people's thanks.

There are not so many of them that the exemption of this tax would make any great inroad into the city treasuries, whilst at the same time it would be a slight incentive to young men to join the ranks, and thus make the duties of recruiting a little less arduous than at present. The 5th Regiment will compare most favorably with any regiment of militia, either in Great Britain or Canada, not only in physique and pluck, but in knowledge of drill, general smartness and interior economy. Great Britain looks to them to man the guns at the Esquimalt forts in case of trouble, and in such case they will share the dangers equally with the fine fellows who compose the small body of Imperial troops now at the barracks. Such being the facts, I would ask every man, aye, and every woman, too, who has the welfare of the Empire at heart, to assist the militia by moulding public opinion in favor of granting them this small boon. It is done in England and in Eastern Canada, so why not here?

"Miles" is right in saying you cannot send your boys to a better place in the evening than the drill hall. There they find manly exercises, jovial but sober companions, comfortable reading rooms and an education of respect for oneself and for "those in authority over you." This idea of exemption from poll tax is nothing new, as I have as commanding officer several times applied to some of the local members to bring in the necessary legislation, and I was always given the greatest encouragement by promises, but somehow or another nothing materialized. Now is the time before the legislature meets to again urge the matter.

E. G. Prior.

MILITIA.

To the Editor:—"Militiaman," in your issue of to-day, suggests that militiamen should be excused from paying the $3 poll tax. "Militiaman" is too modest—that exemption should be conceded to the militia here, as it is to the militia in Ontario and other provinces, but the civic authorities should go further and subsidize the band. We are all proud of it, but, as in other things, we are satisfied to be proud of it and display our usual indifference as to supporting it. Do we not all know that a good band attracts visitors? The municipal authorities can't, or won't, make our town attractive. Why then cannot some of our leading men, who cannot afford the the time to go into the council, go down into their pockets? If you will start a band fund I, for one, will gladly subscribe.

Public Spirit.

Victoria, Dec. 15.

CITY GOVERNMENT.

To the Editor:—I cannot but congratulate you on your excellent leader to-day on the matter of city government.

It was the fashion in England, it seems to be here, to have a sneer for all connected with the city government and to find fault with whatever is done. It is all very well to blame the Mayor for everything. Who put him there? The best mayor with a poor council can do very little. If property owners and the well-to-do citizens really think they are badly governed, the remedy is in their own hands. Let them put up as aldermen, or vote for, the best men and show how things ought to be done, as several noblemen in England have not thought it beneath their dignity to do.

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Wentworth Sarel.

HON. MR. DAVIES' SPEECH.

To the Editor:—In my letter commenting on the speech of the Hon. Mr. Davies—I made an unintentional mistake in attributing to him that which he did not do—I find he was employed on the Halifax commission about six months and not six weeks. I also find that it was not he who demanded and sued for higher fees than the government allowed, that was done by another of the counsel on the commission, who was awarded $14,000, upon which the government paid Mr. Davies and the other counsel a like amount. I regret having made the mistake, and hasten to make the necessary correction.

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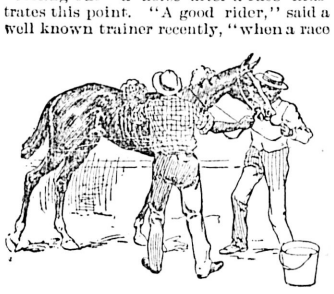

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Jan.... 3, 7, 12, 17, 22, 27	Jan.. 6, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30

Leave San Francisco for Victoria, B.C. 9 a.m	Due Victoria, a.m.
Dec...5, 10, 15, 20, 26, 30	Dec.... 8, 13, 18, 23, 29
Jan...4, 9, 14, 19, 24, 29	Jan.... 2, 7, 12, 17, 22, 27

The Magnificent Steamer City of Topeka leaves Victoria for Alaska..Dec. 13, 29, Jan. 12, 27.
Due back at Victoria. Dec. 25, Jan. 10, 24, Feb. 8.

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TIME TABLE No. 28.

Takes effect November 1st, 1896.

Vancouver Route.

Victoria to Vancouver—Daily, except Monday at 2 o'clock.

Vancouver to Victoria—Daily, except Monday, at 13:15 o'clock, or on arrival of C.P.R. No. 1 train.

New Westminster Route.

Leave Victoria for New Westminster, Ladner's Landing and Lulu Island—Sunday at 23 o'clock; Wednesdays and Fridays at 7 o'clock. Sunday's steamer to New Westminster connects with C.P.R. train No. 2 going East Monday.

For Plumper Pass—Wednesdays and Fridays at 7 o'clock.

For Moresby and Pender Islands—Friday at o'clock.

Leave New Westminster for Victoria—Monday at 13:15 o'clock; Thursday and Saturday at 7 o'clock.

For Plumper Pass—Thursday and Saturday at 7 o'clock.

For Pender and Moresby Islands—Thursday at o'clock.

Northern Route.

teamships of this Company will leave for Fort Simpson and intermediate ports, via Vancouver, the 1st and 15th of each month at 8 o'clock. When sufficient inducements offer, will extend trips to West Coast points and Queen Charlotte Islands.

Barclay Sound Route.

Steamer Tees leaves Victoria for Alberni and Sound Ports the 10th, 20th and 30th of each month.

The Company reserves the right of changing this Time Table at any time without notification.

JOHN IRVING, Manager
G. A. CARLETON, General Agent.
Victoria, January 1st.

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Close connections at Nelson with steamers for Kaslo and all Kootenai Lake points.

Passengers for Kettle River and Boundary Creek connect at Marcus with stage daily.

SCAVENGERS.

ED. LINES, General Scavenger 236 Yates street.—Yards, etc., cleaned. Orders left at Geo. Munro's, 89 Government street; Speed Bros., corner Douglas and Fort; or Blair & Gordon, corner Menzies and Michigan, will be promptly attended to. de

PETTICOATS.

How They Suffer by Ordinary Wear and Their Renovation.

This month will see a universal renovating of petticoats, and with good reason, for the wear and tear of summer holidays leaves only too visible traces in the wardrobe, and petticoats in particular have a hard time of it. On a damp, muddy or dusty excursion the dress is raised out of harm's way, but the petticoat takes its own share of hardship, with the addition of what belongs by right to the dress skirt. It is spotted by water, stained by mud and grass, permeated by dust, and, however carefully it may be brushed daily, unless it is of a kind that can be washed its beauty is soon a thing of the past. Silk petticoats suffer most in the campaign, although delicate shades of alpaca and moreen do not come forth scathless. As for lace trimmed ones, they ought to be kept from the outset for house and piazza wear. The delicate, bell shaped, much beruffled petticoats of lawn or cambric that have figured so well under sheer organdie gowns will answer quite as well for evening wear during the winter if they are carefully

HALF MOURNING COSTUME.

laundered, provided that the lace has not been torn. If it has, it should be replaced, torchon or valenciennes being the most desirable variety to use. The frayed and discolored ruffles of the silk petticoat may be ripped off and replaced by fresh ones, not necessarily of the same color, the garment itself being well shaken and pressed with a warm flatiron before the new frills are added. These may be of plain silk if the skirt is figured, or vice versa if harmony of color is preserved. Moreen and alpaca petticoats must be well shaken, brushed and aired and the edges rebound or freshly faced. If the material has been wet, it should be pressed.

The sketch illustrates a rather elaborate costume for half mourning. The accordion plaited skirt of black crepe de chine is made over an underskirt of black taffeta. The bodice, which forms a blouse in front, is of black crepe de chine, embroidered with jet, and has a wide, soft belt of black satin. The sleeves of crepe de chine are shirred lengthwise and have a puff at the top as well as three crape plaitings.

JUDIC CHOLLET.

FUTURE FASHIONS.

Curls Will Be Worn Again—Straight Sacks and Capes.

Few ornaments are worn in the hair. The large shell comb is sometimes placed at the back in the Spanish style, side combs continue to be employed, and bows are seen with full dress. For ordinary occasions nothing in the way of ornament is necessary. Curls are said to be coming into vogue, and bunches of them are to be worn at the back of the neck and falling over the temples.

The straight sack will be much seen during the autumn and winter. For the early fall they are of thin cloth and silk, heavy cloth and velvet being the materials chosen for cold weather. When they are made of cloth, the sacks are finished with collar and cuffs of velvet, galloon, stitching or embroidery, and the same decorations are employed for silk. For velvet rich passementerie and fur are chosen. The sacks mounted in plaits are less ugly than the plain ones, but still more suggestive of a dressing jacket.

Capes will continue to be fashionable, for they are too convenient and becoming to be quickly discarded, although certainly they are not warm for winter wear,

AUTUMN TOILET.

however thick may be the goods of which they are composed. The flutes and ripples act as conduits for chilly air, and there is a constant sensation as of a draft among the folds. The styles will be more or less changed and diversified. There will be much soutache and galloon of steel and gold and silver and gold used as trimming; also large revers of velvet or embroidery. During the winter fur will be worn in the form of stoles, revers, collars and little fancifully cut pelerines. It is too early yet to say positively that it will be as fashionable as it was last winter, but it will certainly be much in evidence.

Today's illustration shows a gown of beige diagonal. The godet skirt is ornamented in front by three small plaits framing the tablier. The fitted bodice has bolero fronts of needle point, which form coquilles and make epaulets at the top of the sleeves. The high, folded corselet is of emerald green satin merveilleux and the chemisette of cream mousseline de soie. The high collar of green satin has a frill of lace. The tight sleeves are made with small puffs at the top, the tight portion being adorned with clusters of plaits.

JUDIC CHOLLET.

BOLEROS AND REVERS.

The Part These Play In the Renovation of Old Gowns.

The time is approaching when renovations will be in order. Thanks to boleros and corselets and the general permission to commingle all manner of materials, the clever woman will be successful. The economically ingenious have unlimited scope to carry out the

NOVELTIES IN ZOUAVES.

most extreme arrangements, since for once the remnant reigns supreme. A short while back we should have laughed to scorn the little dabs of lace or trimming which now ornament some of the most exclusive gowns and have felt justly aggrieved had circumstances compelled us to don a skirt of woolen material with a bolero of satin and lace.

Among novelties in zouaves is a design in silk, with revers, which is outlined around all the edges with a plisse of lace. In passing it may be mentioned that these small plisses or plaiting are much in vogue, and are used alike on corselets and boleros, and in every imaginable lace and chiffon as well as narrow ribbon.

A tucked novelty with epaulets similarly treated is decidedly effective. The back is plain and seamless and somewhat longer than the previous models, while the edge is cut in a perfectly straight line. The material for the front may be tucked prior to the shaping.

Given a good pattern, the bolero is as simple a model as the home dressmaker could desire, but with only two seams practically to depend upon quite two-thirds of the success rests upon the cut, while the remaining third hangs on careful workmanship. Silken linings, again, of contrasting hue help largely toward a successfully smart whole, for it should always be borne in mind that the simpler the mode the more likely it is to be annexed by the general populace; hence it is only by the finish and detail that we are enabled to make a distinction.

Varied and elaborate revers have been so greatly to the fore of late that it was only to be expected they would be pressed into the service of the bolero. A notable example is the bolero, or zouave, on which the revers are an added feature, but so arranged as to have the appearance of being cut in one with the front. The folds terminate at the shoulder seam, as it is quite impossible to carry them round the back in the form of a collar, but the whole is eminently stylish.

Order of Serving.

At a dinner the guests are served in the order in which they sit, beginning with the lady at the right of the host and continuing around the table, all the women being served first and then all the men. If the particular course is one where the hostess should see it—e. g., a roast—it is shown to her first rather as a matter of form than necessity, and after that is passed to the guests as stated above. It is not served first either to the host or hostess. Where there are no guests, but the family only, the wife is of course the first in honor and is served first. With wine it is somewhat different, as Vogue explains. Still, wines, such as clarets, burgundies, etc., are first served in very small quantity to the host, because in pouring some little dirt from the bottle may come with the first few drops. With sparkling wines, such as champagne, the order is different, the guests being served first, there being no dirt or bits of cork on fizz wines.

The Care of a Piano.

When the keys of a piano have become a permanent yellow, it is said nothing will bleach them but strong sunlight. Following is advice from the New York Tribune:

Leave the piano open and allow the bright sunshine to fall upon it for a considerable time, being careful to protect all parts of the varnished case. It is a good plan to rub the keys thoroughly with a cloth dampened with half alcohol and half water before exposing them to the sun. If this treatment is of no avail, it is probable that the keys are permanently discolored. No piano should be kept shut all the time, but should be frequently opened and aired during the day, when it is not in daily use. The piano should stand in a corner of the room well isolated from the stove or register.

A Novelty In Silverware.

Included among novelties for the table are egg scissors of silver. These clip off the top of the matutinal soft boiled egg with neatness and dispatch, leaving the rest of the edible easy of access with the small egg spoon.

Things That Are Told.

Raisins, dates and chocolate tablets are all good sustainers for a day's tramp or a day's run on wheels.

Use soapy water in making starch. The clothes will look more glossy and the iron will be less likely to stick.

A novelty in tea balls has a handle about the length of a teaspoon in place of the usual chain.

The beaded edge pattern is in evidence on silverware created for the autumn trade.

The simple remedy for a creaking door is to apply a little sweet oil with a feather to the hinge.

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Victoria, B.C., November, 1896. GEO. GILLESPIE Manager. au3

NOTICE.

Assessment Act.

Notice is hereby given that the Court of Revision and Appeal will sit as follows:—

For the Electoral Districts of Victoria City and Cassiar:—At 46 Langley street, in the City of Victoria, on Monday the 28th and Tuesday the 29th days of December, 1896, at 11 o'clock a.m.

For the Electoral District of South Victoria:—At the Royal Oak on Saturday, the 19th day of December, 1896, at 11:30 o'clock a.m., and at John Camp's, South Saanich, on Saturday the 26th day of December, 1896, at 12 o'clock noon.

For that portion of North Victoria Electoral District known as North Saanich:—On Saturday, the 12th day of December, 1896, at the Sidney Hotel, Sidney, at 12 o'clock noon.

For the Electoral District of Esquimalt:—On Friday, the 18th day of December, 1896, at Henry Price's, Parson's Bridge, at 11 o'clock a.m.

For that portion of the Electoral Districts o Comox and Cassiar known as the Coast, Rupert Sayward and Quatsino Land Districts:—At 46 Langley street, Victoria, on Monday the 21st day of December, 1896, at 11 o'clock a.m.

For that portion of the Cowichan-Alberni Electoral District known as Barclay and Clayoquot Land Districts:—At Langley street, Victoria, on Tuesday, the 22nd day of December, 1896, at 11 o clock a.m.

Dated at Victoria, this 24th day of November, 1896.

S. PERRY MILLS,
Judge of the Court of Revision and Appeal.
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Estate of William Gibson, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that Alonzo S. Taylor, of Everett, State of Washington, U.S., by order of the Hon. Mr. Justice Walkem, has been appointed to administer, within the Province of British Columbia, the estate of the abovenamed deceased, who died at Monte Cristo, Snohomish County, State of Washington, on the 22nd day of December, 1895.

All debts owing to the said estate are to be paid, and all claims against the said estate are to be presented duly verified, to the undersigned.

Dated this 24th day of November, 1896.

SAMUEL D. SCHULTZ,
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NOTICE.

Belleville Street, between McClure Street and Birdcage Walk, is closed to public traffic.

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THE THERMOMETER.

Esquimalt Station, Dec. 16, 1896.
Report for 24 hours ending 9 p.m.

1 a.m..	34·	Mean 33·	The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:
5 a.m..	30·		
a.m..	31·	Highest 36·	5 a.m.—Calm.
1 p.m.	34·		1 p.m.—6 N.
5 p.m..	34·	Lowest 29·	9 p.m.—12 N.
9 p.m..	36		Rain—

Average state of weather—Cloudy.
No Sun.

Barometer 9 a. m.... {Observed .... 30.095 {Reduced..... 30.092

E. Baynes Reed, Observer.

Have you thought of **Your Xmas Photos?**

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Per steamer Kingston from the Sound—Geo Fisher, M Gambele, W Anderson, W J Verge, H Wright, Mr Murton, H E Miller, Capt Lloyd, A L Cheney and wife, M J Lyons, H G Playfair.

Per steamer Charmer from Vancouver—Senator McInnes, Lt Col Peters, Mrs Christie, Miss Woodrow, C E Rollins, C D Taprett, R T Cooper, F M Yorke, R Draney, C M Norton, Miss Parsons, J J Woods, F C Harris, Mrs J W Creighton, M J Phipps, F Bucker, J F Garden, J A Forin and wife, W H Keary, C F Casterton, C E Jarvis, W A Johnson, W C Fry, J D Farrell, George D Harper, Paul Gaslin, Thos Dunn, George Bloomfield and wife, Miss Mary Watson.

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AGENTS.

PERSONAL.

J. A. and Mrs. Forin, of Vancouver, are visiting the Capital.

W. B. Keary arrived over from Westminster last night and is at the Driard.

J. B. H. Rickaby was a passenger from Seattle by the Rosalie yesterday morning.

Col. Peters, D.A.G., arrived back from the Mainland by last night's Charmer.

Paul Gaston, of Rossland, was a passenger down from Vancouver by last night's steamer.

J. J. Woods, of the Royal City Planing Mills, arrived over from the Mainland last evening.

Geo. D. Hooper, Montreal, and Thos. Dunn, Vancouver, are among the arrivals at the Driard.

Mrs. Cogswell, of Cedar Hill, has returned from a visit to friends and relatives in Nova Scotia.

C. A. Godson has left for Toronto, his old home, where he will spend the Christmas holidays.

F. M. Yorke, R. Draney and J. F. Garden were passengers from the Mainland by yesterday evening's Charmer.

Hon. Senator McInnes returned last evening from New Westminster, whither he had accompanied Hon. L. H. Davies.

Mrs. Christie returned last evening from New Westminster accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. J. W. Creighton, who will spend Christmas in Victoria.

Capt. the Hon. H. H. Addington, Pender island; Howard Beadle, London, Eng.; M. and J. Collinson, J. E. Jowett and J. Thatcher, Plumper Pass; Joseph Burrill, Galiano island; A. R. Johnston, Nanaimo; I. Blay-Mutter, Somenos; Frank Lloyd, Westholme; J. M. Dixon, Millstream; and M. G. Phipps, Rossland, are all staying at the Occidental.

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FEDERATION OF LABOR.

Sixteenth Annual Session—Sympathy With Cuba—Political Questions Not Likely to Be Dealt With.

Cincinnati, Dec. 16.—The sixteenth annual session of the American Federation of Labor was called to order here yesterday by President Samuel Gompers. About one hundred and fifty delegates were present and many visitors. Martin Fox, president of the Iron Moulders' Union of North America, had been selected to deliver the address of welcome. Owing to the death of his mother his address was read by E. I. Denny. More effective action for the eight hour law and other reforms were recommended. Special greetings were extended delegates Samuel Woods and John Mallinson, of England, and Louis Vigoreux, of France.

President Gompers, in responding to the address of welcome, referred to the attacks on their organization because it was merely a federation and not a more compact union. He showed how the fullest scope was given to individual opinions and rights, and thus an affiliation of different labor organizations was possible in one general federation. He appealed for continued efforts for the cultivation of public opinion, as well as favorable legislation and the most earnest co-operation of all labor organizations.

Pending the consideration of the case of the New York Brewers Union, C. C. Clark, grand secretary of the Railroad Conductors Association and fraternal representative of the Railway Telegraphers and five other railway organizations, was introduced. Mr. Clark reviewed the Olney arbitration bill at length, urging labor organizations to exert their fullest influence to secure the passage of this bill, saying that there would be no trouble over any reductions or other changes in the event of it becoming law.

Mr. Clarke's address was ordered to be printed and referred to committee.

It is understood a strong resolution of sympathy with Cuba will be adopted. A canvass of delegates shows a most unanimous sentiment in aid of Cuba, even to the encouragement of enlistment.

The silver question and other questions of a political character are not likely to be referred to in the resolutions this year, as in former years.

At the hotel last night President Gompers and John Phillips were robbed of $60 each, and Messrs. Woods and Mallinson, the English delegates, of cash and jewelry, and several delegates of other articles.

THE HARVARD CREW.

Lehmann, the English Coach, Expresses Great Satisfaction With Their Improvement.

New York, Dec. 16.—R. G. Lehmann, the English coach, who has had the Harvard University crew under his training since his arrival at Cambridge from England, on November 11, sailed for Europe to-day on the White Star liner Majestic. Mr. Lehmann said he would be ready to return in March next when he would again take up coaching the eight, and added: "I can say that the crew is in very good trim, being composed of good material, and, in the four weeks that I have been coaching, a good deal of improvement has been made in the style and strength of the stroke."

ARMENIANS AND TURKS.

Neither are Confident as to the Future—Massacres Only Postponed—Oppressions Still Continue.

Boston, Dec. 16.—A letter from Harpool, Eastern Turkey, states that neither the Armenians nor Turks are confident as to the future. A Turkish teacher was overheard to say in conversation with other Turks that the massacres had only been postponed. Intelligent Turks are anticipating European intervention of some kind. Although orders have been given for the execution of reforms throughout the provinces, bribery and corruption are as open as ever. The commander of 100 soldiers, under whose supervision taxes are collected, said the other day, "We have stripped the people clean, even the food which they had prepared for winter we have sold for taxes."

CROWS' NEST PASS.

Hon. Mr. Blair Thinks the Project Feasible and the Opportunity Good.

Spokane, Dec. 19.—Hon. A. G. Blair, Canadian minister of railways and canals, and Lieut.-Col. James Domville, member of parliament, left yesterday in their private car via the Northern Pacific for Seattle. They have been on a visit to the Rossland and Slocan mining districts for the purpose of investigating the feasibility of the Crow's Nest Pass railroad. Mr. Blair states that he considers the project feasible and the opportunities good, and that as such he intends to recommend it to the Canadian government.

The Craven-Fair Deeds Forged.

San Francisco, Dec. 15.—The verdict of experts Albert and Carvalho that the papers by which Mrs. Craven seeks to establish a claim to a portion of the Fair estate are forgeries is received with apparent unconcern by those who have the school teacher's interests in charge. They were prepared for such a result, they said, and would have been very much surprised had any other opinion been returned.

Aged a Hundred and Three.

Norwich, Conn., Dec. 16.—Mrs. Cathine Peary, the oldest woman in New London county and probably the oldest in Connecticut, died yesterday, aged 103 years and 9 months.

TOWN OF GRAND FORKS

Centre of One of the Most Promising Mining and Agricultural Sections.

Requirements of a Visitor to a B. C. Mining District—Speaker Higgins.

Grand Forks, Dec. 12.—(Special)—I landed at the little wayside town of Marcus, on the Dominion side of the line, from a Nelson & Fort Shepherd train, on a cold and dreary afternoon ten days ago. The snow lay deeply on the ground and the mercury registered zero on the station thermometer. Marcus is sparsely inhabited, and there is a run-to-seed look about the houses, which seem to have grown (like a cucumber vine) in a hurry, and spread over the ground in long, rambling rows, as if in search of some hole where they might go to sleep and forget the world. I stayed over night at the hotel, and was regaled until bed time with marvelous tales of wonderful discoveries of gold bearing quartz in the adjacent hills and mountains. Every man and woman carries in his or her pockets specimens of the latest "finds," and as conversation progresses the pockets are made to yield from their deepest recesses the glittering evidences of the richness of the ledges.

Quartz forms the principal—the only—topic of conversation everywhere. I ventured into a circle of young matrons, who were warming themselves at a hot wood-fire, and tried to lead them gently from quartz to babies; but it was no use. Babies do not count for much at Marcus, where all men and women are mine-owners, and where people talk of hundreds of thousands as glibly as the inhabitants of a Coast city converse of a quarter of a dollar. The excitement is intense at Marcus and all along the mail-road to the thriving young mining city of Grand Forks. No one talks of anything but gold, copper and silver. "Your's is a fine ranch," I remarked to a farmer. "Yes," he replied, "but you ought to see my gold mine." "You have a fine family," I said to another. "I am over-proud of my family," he replied, "but what do you think of this?" (producing a specimen of quartz from a sideboard).

The traveller who visits Kootenay should lay in a mental supply of diorite, chalcite, gangue, sulphides, true fissures, contacts, porphyry and metamorphic and igneous rocks, or he will soon find himself regarded as unprogressive if not ignorant. He does not need to know much; but he should be able to interlard his words with the learned and technical phrases in common use here, whether he understands their meaning or not.

I left Marcus at 2:30 the following afternoon in a sleigh drawn by two horses. I was fortunate to have for a companion Judge Spinks, of the County court, who was on circuit and who proved most pleasant and genial company and added greatly to the comfort and happiness of the otherwise wearisome journey. At night we partook of an excellent supper at "Hall's," a wayside inn on the Colville reservation, and enjoyed a comfortable bed. The parties who conduct this inn are relations of the original locators of the Hall mines, who now count their wealth by the millions.

Bright and early in the morning we continued our journey. The sleighing was excellent, and as we dashed along over the frozen road through the crisp and bracing winter air, Mr. Truax, our driver, pointed out various objects of interest. We crossed Kettle river twice on the ice; a by no means perilous passage, as the water was low and the ice a foot in thickness. We passed Cascade City—where there is a waterfall many feet in height. At the foot of the destined to be famous Christina lake—a locality which, for the picturesque beauty of scenery and rich gold mines, cannot be surpassed even by Rossland; without stopping, as we were desirous of reaching Grand Forks by midday. At Edward's Ferry R. L. Cawston was met with a drive of 200 head of beeves bound for the Rossland market.

We reached Grand Forks at noon and received a hearty welcome from Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Manly, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cummings and many other residents. In fact, during our stay of several days your correspondent was the recipient of most hospitable attention from everybody. If he tried to purchase a cigar or glass of soda water he was quietly informed that his money was bad but his credit was unlimited. If he desired to take a sleighride a pair of dashing horses and a handsome bob-sleigh with a careful driver were always at his disposal. If, fearing to be a burthen, he expressed an intention to pass the night at an hotel, (of which there are several excellent ones at Grand Forks) his hat and topcoat were spirited away by his host and hostess and his amiable intentions frustrated. In fact every one in the rising city conspired to make the Colonist man happy and comfortable without allowing him to part with a single dime.

Mr. Speaker Higgins and Judge Spinks were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Manley at their handsome new residence. Later in the day Mr. Lambly, the efficient gold commissioner of the district, arrived in town and the cordial reception he received may be accepted as an evidence of his popularity.

Grand Forks, which is situated at the confluence of two important rivers, is not alone the centre of a rich farming and stock-raising district; it is the centre of one of the most promising mining sections in Kootenay. The Volcanic, Pathfinder, Seattle and other great mines lie within a short distance of the town, and the hills and mountains in the immediate vicinity are known to be rich in precious and economic metals. The trade of Greenwood, Camp McKinney and Midway must percolate through Grand Forks, and the miners on the Colville Reservation are already aware that the new town is their most convenient and cheapest point of supply. Hence there are several large and well stocked mercantile establishments at the Forks that do a thriving business.

Three railways are already under charter for Grand Forks, and one of the three—the Nelson and Fort Sheppard—will probably reach the town in less than a twelve month, as the surveys are now completed. This will place Grand Forks within thirty hours reach of Victoria. To indicate the growth of the place, I may mention that, in April last, there were only four buildings at Grand Forks. Now there are 200. Eight months ago the population numbered 32. Now it numbers 430, with 60 children of school going age. The plans are drawn for a handsome hotel, fitted with modern conveniences. Two saw mills are kept busily at work cutting lumber to meet the large local demand, and the road from Marcus was lined with four-horse sleighs drawing merchandise to the Forks.

That Grand Forks is ambitious and enterprising will be gathered from the fact that the inhabitants will come before the legislature at its next session for a bill for incorporation as a municipality. The townsite has been surveyed and blocks have been set aside for government buildings, schools and churches.

On the evening of the 8th instant a reception and ball, followed by a banquet, were given in honor of the presence in the town of Speaker Higgins, Judge Spinks and Gold Commissioner Lambly. Dancing was maintained to the music of a fine band until midnight, when the company adjourned for supper, which was served at one of the hotels, and was a most creditable and sumptuous repast.

After supper the healths of the Queen and President of the United States were drank with honors. Mr. Manly, who presided, proposed the health of the Speaker, and that gentleman responded in a few happy remarks, in the course of which he promised to bring the wants of the district to the notice of the government. Judge Spinks and other gentlemen followed in a happy vein and the company separated in the small hours for their homes.

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ANARCHISTS SENTENCED.

The Perpetrators of the Barcelona Bomb Outrages Receive Their Punishment.

Barcelona, Dec. 16.—The court martial of the Anarchists arrested for complicity in recent disturbances here have been concluded. The sentences imposed are kept secret and any one divulging them is to be severely punished. It is believed, however, that twenty-eight of the Anarchists have been sentenced to death and 59 others to penal servitude. The outrage for which these men were tried was committed on June 7 last, during the religous procession of Corpus Christi. Just as the procession was entering the church of Santa Maria a bomb was thrown into the procession and exploded, killing six persons instanty and wounding 50 others, many of whom subsequently died of their injuries. An investigation by the police developed the fact that this outrage was the outcome of a plot by anarchists, having wide ramifications and directed from Paris. The culprits were arrested as a result of the discoveries made by the police.

DISTURBANCES IN HAMBURG.

Stevedores' Building Fired—Several Persons Injured—Arrests Made.

Hamburg, Dec. 16.—There were disturbances to-day in many parts of the docks and affrays occurred between the strikers and the police, during which several were injured and number of arrests made. The strikers yesterday evening attacked and burned the stevedore association's public house, after saturating the furniture with petroleum. Work is proceeding to-day on 108 vessels, and 33 other ships are at a standstill. The strikers' committee is considering a proposal to establish a workmen's ring, comprising all kinds of dock workers, who could undertake the work, it is claimed, 15 per cent cheaper than the middlemen and still earn higher wages than at present.

ANOTHER INSURGENT DEFEAT.

Major Cirujeda to Be Specially Rewarded for the Splendid Services He Has Rendered to Spain.

Havana, Dec. 16.—Lieut.-Col. Alvares de Lara reports having had an encounter with the insurgents under Mayi Rodriguez and other chiefs at the foot of the hills near Oliver, province of Santa Clara. The fighting, according to the report, lasted three hours, at the end of which time the insurgents were routed, leaving twenty-four dead on the field. Among the latter five bodies were identified as those of insurgent officers. The troops had a captain and twelve privates wounded. The report that the insurgent leader Edouardo Garcio had been wounded in an engagement with Spanish troops is confirmed. The report of the death of the insurgent leader Juanillo Ferrer is also confirmed.

Captain General Weyler to-day presented $100 to the scout of Major Cirujeda's who took from the body of Antonio Maceo the articles which, the Spaniards claim, established the identification of the corpse as being that of Maceo. Admiral Navarro, commader of the Spanish naval forces in Cuban waters, returned here to-day from the province of Pinar del Rio.

Major Cirujeda, it is officially announced in a despatch from Punta Brava dated December 14, congratulates Captain-General Weyler on the success of his recent combinations, adding that the results obtained were but the natural outcome of his, Cirujeda's, own strict compliance with previous instructions "from the Captain-General and the Marquis de Ahumada, who acted as captain-general during General Weyler's absence. The Captain-General, replying to the message, has assured Major Cirujeda that he will be rewarded for the splendid services which he has rendered to Spain.

A mulatto woman named Herrera will be tried by court martial to-morrow. She is charged with rebellion and incendiarism, and is described as an amazon and formerly belonged to Castillo's band of insurgents.

STEEL RAIL POOL.

Important Meeting of the Trust to Discuss Allotment and Percentage Matters.

New York, Dec. 16.—Representatives of the leading steel manufacturers of the country met this morning at the Holland house for the purpose of discussing matters connected with the steel rail pool. The meeting was a continuation of the conference held yesterday, when pool matters were thoroughly discussed, but no agreement was reached. All the large companies belonging to the pool were represented. The most important subject discussed concerned the allotment and percentage matters. A committee was appointed to consider the matter from the stand point of certain complaining interests. The question of rates, it was said to-day, had not figured prominently in these conferences.

WELL INFORMED.

Great Britain Fully Posted as To the Condition of the U. S. Navy.

New York, Dec. 16.—The Herald says: A gentleman recently returned from Europe, who is interested in naval affairs, is authority for the statement that the English admiralty has full information of all defective armor plates on our war vessels, as far as known, and that every structural defect in any way of the vessels that can be discovered are carefully noted and filed away for future use. When the news of the recent sinking of the Texas reached England a naval officer in high authority, in conversation with the gentleman referred to, pointed out some of her defects in both armor and structure, which has since been made public.

Grand Trunk Improvements.

Montreal, Dec. 16.—The Grand Trunk Railway management are considering a number of improvements in their property here. One is a proposal on the part of the city to run tracks on the viaduct, doing away with grade crossings, and another to purchase the entire block of buildings facing the Bonaventure station for the new offices.

A Million Dollars Offered.

Toronto, Dec. 16.—It is stated here that J. F. Caldwell, of Winnipeg, has received a second offer of a million and a quarter dollars for the Sultana mine at Rat Portage, from an English syndicate through their Toronto agents. Mr. Caldwell has already refused an offer of one million.

Big Steamer for the Allan Line.

Montreal, Dec. 16.—Messrs. H. and A. Allan have let a contract for a 10,000 ton freight steamer.

Nantuckett Beach, Dec. 16.—An unknown three masted schooner was driven ashore here to-day. By the aid of the life-savers the entire crew was rescued except the mate, who was drowned. The men are in such an exhausted condition that no information can be gained from them at present. The name of the vessel cannot even yet be learned.

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Jewelry Smuggler Arrested.

Conneaut, Dec. 16.—An Italian smuggler of jewelry named Dominico Quaranto has been arrested here. He had just alighted from a train from Cleveland, and was about to take boat for Point Dover, Ont., when captured by the police. Quaranto is one of a trio of smugglers who arrived at New York on the steamer Olive from Naples in November. They had sold their jewelry and Quaranto was about to return to Naples for another supply. His two accomplices have been arrested.

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